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FIRST EDITION

For later telegraphic and local news see Second Edition.

FIFTH STREET CHURCH.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Fifth Street Baptist church, was held last evening, Rev. H. W. O. Millington, presiding. The reports showed the church to be entirely free from debt.

Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

Clerk, H. C. Wilder; treasurer, Luther C. Stiles; standing committee, Rev. H. W. O. Millington; James B. Gilman, William J. Collins, Roscoe B. Thomas, John B. Brown, Henry E. White, Charles E. Thissell, Gaucello Leighton, Seth B. Hall, Luther C. Stiles and H. C. Wilder, ex-officio.

Sunday school superintendent, Roscoe B. Thomas; assistant superintendent, William J. Collins.

Secretary Sunday school, Miss Bertha Hutton.

Superintendent of the Hildreth Mission, Mr. James B. Gilman; secretary of mission, Miss Alice Gilman.

Church auditors, Mr. Alexander Leggett, Miss Belle Miller.

LOCAL NOTES.

No Sun published tomorrow.

If your coal does not suit you, try Mullin, the 1018 Gorham street coal dealer. You can get him by telephone connection.

A match pool game for $25 a side will be played at Music hall billiard rooms between Jack Leary and Mike Mitchell, and Joe Ballon and John Dainan.

THE BICCEST assortment of medium priced fancy chairs and rockers is found at A. E. O'Hair & Co.'s two stores, 16 Merrimack and 34 Central streets. Auction sale at Central street store, Thursday at 2 p. m.

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$20 A very good Square Piano for beginners. Call now. GEORGE A. GARDNER, 20 Prescott St.

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The Largest Stock and Lowest in Price.
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UPON A PERFECT EQUALITY

NOW STAND THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

And the First Trinitarian Before the Council—Report Submitted.

The ecclesiastical council at the First Congregational church rendered its report yesterday as follows:

"That the pastorate of the Rev. G. F. Kenngott terminated Dec. 31, 1895.

"That the meeting of June 19, 1896, held in the vestry of the First Congregational Meeting house, at which it was voted 'that the First Congregational church in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be incorporated under the provisions of law by the name of the First Trinitarian Congregational church of Lowell,' was held in disregard of the standing rules of the First Congregational church, but in conformity with the statutes of the state.

"That both bodies, claiming to be the original First Congregational church, are de facto Congregational churches; and the council recommends that until the aforesaid judicial decision is given, both churches be recognized under the names which they respectively claim."

The status of both churches is, therefore, coequal and will so remain until the courts decide.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

The Savoy.

The presentation last evening of Rosedale, the beautiful play, at this cozy play house was an artistic triumph, and shows more clearly each performance the splendid material of which the clever Savoy company is composed. The play goes as smoothly as if the company had been playing the parts for a season, and the different characters are wonderfully sustained. Mr. Weston, as Elliott Grey, has a character to portray, which he does to perfection, and his scenes are given in a beautiful manner, especially his chief scenes with Rosa Leigh (Miss Knott) and with Miles McKenna (Mr. Wright.) The Gypsey Dell is very realistic, and the uprising of the Lancers at the word of command forms a stirring and beautiful stage picture.

Miss Edsall as Lady Florence May appeared in magnificent costumes and gave a fine impersonation of the role.

The play will be given this evening and Friday and Saturday, with an extra matinee Christmas Day at 2.30. Good houses are assured as the advance sale is good for all the performances and the play can be set down as the Savoy's best. In fact many requests are being received to play it another week, and the management may decide to do it.

Music Hall.

The Conroy and Fox company of comedians will be seen here at Music hall, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 28, 29, 30, with Wednesday matinee in their ludicrous success, "O'Flarity's Vacation," the comedy in which they scored such a big success last season. The play was written for laughing purposes only, and in the hands of such excellent Irish comedians as we know Conroy and Fox to be, it is easy to anticipate that another good laugh is in waiting for us. The piece is not only possessed of a funny story and side-splitting situations, but is enlivened with many novel specialty features, all of which are new this season. The stars are old favorites here and are sure of a hearty reception.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Presented a Timely Gift by Their Many Friends.

A very enjoyable surprise party occurred last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ambrose at 88 Agawam street. The estimable couple were married on Thanksgiving Eve, and their friends surprised them with a costly parlor stove. The presentation speech was made by Mr. John Slack. Mr. Ambrose responded briefly, thanking his many friends for their kind remembrance.

Dancing was enjoyed to the music of an orchestra and refreshments were served. An impromptu entertainment was given which included songs by John Slack, Charles McQuade, Dave Wallace and Jack Crowley; recitations, Miss Mamie Gorman and I. H. Sternberg; clog dance by Phil Dwyer and John Welch.

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will not derange the stomach.
Sold by all druggists.

I.
Listen darling, Santa's coming!
Hark the reindeer at the door,
Hear the carol he is humming,
Sweeter, clearer than before.
Look what treasures he is bringing!
Dainty trifles, gems of art;
While the music of his singing
Is as nectar to the heart.

II.
Listen darling, Santa's coming!
Hush! his feet are at the door;
Hear the carol he is humming
Now the busy day is o'er.
Hurry, dearest, run to meet him,
He must never wait outside
When your merry face can greet him,
Rosy cheeked and eager eyed.

III.
Listen, darling, Santa's coming!
He is with us, at the door;
Hear the carol he is humming,
Bid him welcome home once more.
Throw your loving arms around him,
Call him by his own true name,
For a daughter's love has found him
Prince of Santa's just the same.

WEST END RAILROAD TIE-UP

Every Electric Car in Boston Left Idle at Noon.

The Motormen and Conductors Refused to Wait—Struck Simultaneously on All Lines—Trouble Feared as a Result—Shoppers Obliged to Walk.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 24.—All Boston is afoot today as the result of the biggest street railroad tie-up in the history of New England.

Thousands in the suburban districts were obliged to walk in all the bitter cold to their work in this city this morning, some of them going nearly 10 miles.

Although the supreme council of the street railway employes' union had postponed the time of having a general tie-up until Dec. 30, the street railroad this morning is handicapped as it never was before.

Hundreds of the employes dissatisfied with the procrastination of the supreme council and believing that the time to act was the present, decided to take matters in their own hands, regardless of the wishes of the council, and as a result, by this afternoon, there will not be a car running in the city or suburbs.

The trouble began on the Charlestown, Medford, Everett and Malden lines where the employes refused to take out any cars at all this morning. Compelling thousands to walk into Boston.

At 10 o'clock this morning the affairs of the road were in a badly mixed condition, and this afternoon will find all employes out of work.

Meetings of the different divisions of motormen and conductors were held between midnight and 5 o'clock this morning and the feeling was unanimously in favor of striking immediately, the fact that travel is heavier now than at any other time of year, is probably being borne in mind by the employes.

There were exciting scenes at the meetings when the executive council, after a conference with the railroad officials, announced that they had decided to postpone action until Dec. 30.

The indignant employes refused to accept such a report and decided to quit work at once whether the council endorsed them or not.

The first action was taken in Charlestown and Everett. At the latter place 200 motormen and conductors quit work before daylight.

In Malden, too, the men on early cars refused to bring them out.

At Newton some of the men refused to start to work at 4.30, while some of the cars on the Newton and Boston line ran during the early trips. There were no cars on the Malden and Medford lines.

At 10 o'clock the city streets had a strange appearance. Every street corner was crowded with wondering people, their arms filled with Christmas parcels and waiting for cars which came not. At that hour no cars were running but those on Washington street and the South Boston line.

Tremont street looked deserted and the suburbanites who knew not the cause of the absence of the cars believed that the subway must have been formally opened. A Scollay Square, Adams Square, Washington and Temple Place, the Granary Burying Ground and other points where thousands daily take the cars, there were employes informing passengers that a tie-up was on.

The employes of the South Boston line held a meeting this morning and decided to tie-up at noon.

As fast as the men came in with their cars they left them at the station and went out.

President Young of the union notified all employes that the strike will be formally on at noon and at that time no cars were expected to be running.

Supt. Sargent of the railroad notified the police at 7 o'clock that there is a strike and all the reserve force of the city were ordered on duty.

At the Charlestown and Roxbury Crossing stables, large crowds are gathered and extra police have been placed at these points.

It is not expected that there will be a repetition of the riotous proceedings which characterized the old South Boston street railroad strike before the consolidation, but at all events the railroad will be terribly crippled for some time to come.

Our store will be closed Friday

THE XMAS TREE

You need not feel any hesitation in hanging such Shoes as we will recommend on any Xmas tree in the city.

For children, for women and for men we have a particularly fine line of Xmas Footwear that would make any tree proud to branch out with such a display.

A useful present is remembered long after Brick-Brack is forgotten.

We are particularly emphatic about our Men's Slippers. No store in the land can show you anything better than Miller & Ober's slippers for fit, work and style—We have them here, but at less price. And as for Women's Slippers—from the dainty to the comfortable you can find here, and each the best of its class.

Felt Romeos, Fur trimmed, are in great demand. We had a large supply, but it is getting exhausted. So it is with the Misses' and Children's of the same width, brownie heads. If you want variety in Xmas Footwear, visit

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Opposite City Hall.

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Legault, the jeweler, corner of Central and Prescott streets, has the most beautiful line of Christmas presents. His prices are the lowest in the city. His system is one price to all. Call at Mr. Legault's store today and you will be well pleased with the goods and prices.

First class job printing at this office.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Closing Program Rendered by the Grammar Grade.

The Christmas exercises of the grammar department of the training school were held yesterday. The program was as follows:

Song, Heavenly Music.
Room I.
Reading, Bob Cratchet's Party,
Mary Whiteley.
Recitation, My Stocking,
Nora Murphy.
Recitation, Little Gretchen,
Ella Brennan.
Recitation, How Santa Claus Came,
Hortense Gallagher.
Song, We Are Merry Christmas Bells,
Room VII.
Recitation, The Collier's Boy,
Elizabeth Rowley.
Recitation, December,
Loretta Whiteley.
Recitation, Bessie's Christmas Eve,
Christie Kane.
Recitation, The First Christmas Tree in New England,
Gertrude O'Brien.
Song, Christmas Carol,
Rooms II and III.
Reading, Janey's Christmas,
Mary Gray.
Recitation, The Children's Telegram,
Mamie Curtin.
Recitation, Lord Yearsley's Guest,
Marietta Carden.
Song, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,
Room I.
Recitation, Class,
Room I.
Recitation, Baby's Stocking,
Gertrude Bickford.
Recitation, Christmas Carol,
Carrie Tyrrell.
Song, Christmas Bells are Ringing,
Room VII.
Recitation, At Christmas Time,
Maggie Daley.
Recitation, St. Nicholas,
Mary Taylor.
Recitation, Dawn of Christmas,
John McCann.
Song, Christmas Waltz Song,
Rooms V and VI.
Recitation, Star of Bethlehem,
Norah Grady.
Recitation, Dear Little Schemer,
Susie Greene.
Recitation, Christmas Eve,
Annie Molloy.
Recitation, The Night Before Christmas,
Kittie King.
Recitation, If I Were Santa Claus,
Nellie Donoghue.
Song, Holy Night,
School.

MICHAEL J. HORAN.
Re-elected President of Division 11, A. O. H.

Common Sense
Should be exercised in taking a remedy for catarrh. It is caused by impurity in the blood. Snuffs and inhalants are of little avail. They have been tried in thousands of cases and have failed to cure, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to cure catarrh because it purifies the blood.
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"I have suffered with catarrh for over thirty years and I have taken several kinds of catarrh medicine. At no time have I been so free from this disease as since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. I believe it to be the best medicine for catarrh that can be found." E. A. JENKS, Box 384, Greene, New York. Remember
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THE NEW CHARTER

Vests Mayor Courtney With the Appointing Power

SAY NATHAN MATHEWS AND JUDGE CORCORAN.

The Council May Remove 'Without Cause.'

Mayor Courtney will exercise the prerogatives vested in him by the amended charter.

He has intimated his policy to nobody, directly, nor will he, at this time, voice his action with respect to official appointments, but one is warranted in saying that whatever powers are vested in him by legislative action will certainly be exercised in accordance with the legal requirements.

There are embodied in the amended charter points of general interest which appear to have escaped public notice in the prolific discussion of the operation of these amendments.

It will be remembered that during Mayor Courtney's second term he called the attention of the city council to the fact that some city department accounts, upon examination and comparison with others, showed an unproportionate expenditure of money.

Then came the appointment of the financial commission, its investigation, its subsequent report, and the embodiment of this commission's recommendation into amendments to the city charter which were submitted to the legislature for consideration.

Legislative hearings followed, and Chairman Poore and prominent republicans opposed the amendments because they afforded too much power to the mayor.

The financial commission sought to centralize responsibility; these republicans advised distributing it.

And so they prepared amendments to the charter and asked the legislature to approve their work.

Their amended charter is the one which will be operative on and after the first Monday in next January.

It was draughted from the original bill, and important changes made. These republicans did not believe the mayor should be permitted to appoint city officials, and so from the original bill they eliminated the last part of section one, which designated that the mayor should appoint city officials, and left standing the first part which reads:

"All executive powers which are now by law vested in the city council of the city of Lowell, or either branch thereof, shall hereafter be vested in and exercised by the mayor of said city, except as hereinafter otherwise provided."

In the very next section they granted the mayor the power to remove any official for cause, other than on partisan grounds, providing his action is sustained by the common council.

To the council by a two-thirds' vote without any cause whatever, is granted the right to discharge any official. And right here is a strong point in the charter. By its provisions the council is empowered to discharge any official the mayor may place in office, without assigning any cause for their action.

During the past week prominent democrats have sought an interpretation of the amendment from Boston attorneys.

Nathan Matthews, Jr., who is regarded a special authority on city charter laws, and is frequently consulted when charters are draughted, says that unquestionably the mayor has the appointment of officials vested in him.

Judge Corcoran gives as his opinion that it is certainly within the province of the mayor to appoint city officials and that in his opinion the Supreme court will so decide if the matter ever reaches it.

Abolish Mayor's Power.

And republicans too have become satisfied that such power is vested in the mayor. But they are not content.

A bill is already prepared and will be entrusted to Senator Putnam and the Lowell representatives to be presented to the legislature at the opening of the session, requesting that body to repeal section one of the charter amendments, which gives the mayor the appointive power. Republican leaders in the state have assured them that the repealing act will pass.

Should Mayor Courtney on the first Monday in January appoint for instance a new chief of the fire department complications would arise. The case would certainly reach the courts, where several months time would be required to settle it. In the meantime, every week Chief Hosmer would certify to the pay roll and send it to the mayor for his signature. The mayor by signing would recognize Hosmer as chief; refusing to sign about one hundred men of families would be unable to draw pay.

And so on through nearly every department.

However, it is asserted by Mayor Courtney's friends that unless interfered with by legislative action he will carry out the provisions of the charter as adopted by the people.

DEATHS.

COONEY—Josephine Cooney, infant child of Dennis J. and Mary J. Cooney, died yesterday morning at the home of her parents, 40 Chapel street.

GAVIN—Fred Gavin, infant child of Fred and Rebecca Gavin, died yesterday at the home of its parents, 96 Concord street.

HAND—Mary Hand, aged 54 years, wife of Patrick Hand, died yesterday at her home, 4 Everett street.

Read This.
Fred Britton, 42 Tyler street, Mrs. Ellen Gillen, 147 Market street, Arthur Webster, 46 Hamilton street, are few of those who have used Zyno Mexican Blood tonic and have been greatly benefited by it and pronounce it a remarkable curative remedy. Zyno is free at the office of the company, 32 Central street.

Mayor Courtney Notified.

Yesterday afternoon City Clerk Dadman presented Mayor Courtney with his official notification and certificate of his election as mayor for 1897.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

How the Great Festival Will Be Observed.

INSPIRING MUSIC IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Programs Prepared by the Several Choirs.

No festival of the christian year is celebrated with more joy and thanksgiving or more pomp and ceremonial in the Catholic churches than that of Christmas, the Savior's natal day. Masses will be celebrated from six o'clock in the morning until half past ten when solemn high mass will be celebrated in all the churches.

On this occasion the musical programs will be exceedingly grand both at the forenoon and vesper services. Orchestras will assist the choirs and it is safe to say that the sermons will be worthy of the great feast. The musical programs are given below:

St. Patrick's Church.
Solemn high mass at 10.30 a. m.
Prelude, organ and violin (Chanson).....Allen
Hayden Pastoral Mass.
Veni Creator.....Webb
Adeste Fideles.
Nolite Timere (Offertorium).....Guglielmi
Glory to God.
Postlude, organ and orchestra.
Vesper service at 7 p. m.
Prelude, organ and orchestra.
Psalms.
Dominu ad.....Millard
Dixet Dominus.....Millard
Confitebor.....Bristow
Beatus Vir.....Bristow
De Profundis.....Schmidt
Memento Domine.....Schmidt
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor.....Mozart
Magnificat.....Lambillotte
Alma Redemptoris.....Mozart
O Salutaris.....Faure
Tantum Ergo (Grand).....Rossini
Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentes.....Newland
Te Deum, choir and congregation.
The choir will be assisted at both services by Hibbard's orchestra.
M. J. Johnson, organist; E. F. Faulkner, director.

St. Peter's Church.
Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'clock.
Prelude. Organ and orchestra.....Gounod
Asperges.....Novello
Kyrie.....La Hache
Gloria.....La Hache
Veni Creator.....Webber
Credo.....La Hache
Offertory. Adeste Fideles.....Novello
Benedicious.....La Hache
Agnus Dei.....La Hache
Postlude. Organ and Orchestra.
Vespers at 7 p. m.
Domine.....Millard
Dixit.....Millard
Confitebor.....Wiegand
Beatus Vir.....Wiegand
Laudate Pueri.....Wiegand
Laudate Dominum.....Wiegand
Hymn. Jesu Redemptor.....Mozart
Magnificat.....Wiegand
Ave Maria.....Gounod
Violin Obligato by Mr. Shedd.
Ave Verum.....Floton
Tantum Ergo.....Rossini
Laudate Dominum.....Fiske
Choir of 30 voices under the direction of Mr. T. F. Molloy. Organist, Mrs. J. McHennedy. Soloists: Sopranos, Misses Lizzie and Louise McLaughlin, Lila Cook; altos, Miss Nano Gallagher and Mrs. Al. Conningham; tenors, Messrs. T. F. Molloy and Geo. Sturtevant; baritone, Mr. Wm. Thornton; bassos, Messrs. Ed. Martin and Geo. Burns.
The choir will be assisted by an orchestra led by Mr. D. P. Shedd of Boston.

Immaculate Conception.
Morning 10.30.
Introit. Puer natus est nobis.....Gregorian
Graduale. Viderunt Omnes.....Gregorian
Mass. 12th.....Mozart
Offertory. Noel.....Van Heyghoot
Postlude. Date Sonitum Pastoras.....Costa
Vespers.
Domine ad.....Emmerick
Dixit Dominus.....Emmerick
Confitebor.....Emmerick
Beatus Vir.....Emmerick
De Profundis.....Sir John Stevenson
Memento Domine David.....Sir John Stevenson
Hymn. Jesu Redemptor.....Haggerty
Magnificat.....Beethoven
Alma Redemtoris Mater.....Donizetti
O Salutoris.....Donizetti
Tamum Ergo.....Torrioni
Glory to God.....Robinson
There will be a chorus of sixty voices with the American Orchestra, Mrs. Haggerty, organist; P. P. Haggerty, director.

Sacred Heart Church.
Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.
Asperges Me.....Werner
Kyrie.....Lambillotte
Gloria.....Lambillotte
Veni Creator.....Handel
Credo.....Lambillotte
Offertorie, "Adeste Fideles".....Novello
Sanctus.....Lambillotte
Benedictus.....Lambillotte
Agnus Dei.....Lambillotte
Vespers, 3.30 p. m.
Domine ad.....Eat
Psalms.....Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor".....Mozart
Magnificat.....Mozart
"O Holy Night".....Dressler
Soprano solo and quartet.
O Salutaris, Soprano solo.....De Doss
Tantum Ergo.....Goeb
Laudate Dominum.....Eat
Solos by members of the choir assisted by a chorus of thirty voices. Miss Adelaide A. Sullivan, organist and director.

St. Joseph's Church.
Mass at 10 a. m.
Overture. Orchestra.
Introit. Puer Natus est.....Gregorian
Kyrie. Haydn's 3rd mass in D.
Solo by Miss E. Gagnon.
Gloria.
Solos, Miss R. Gill, A. Cote, Dr. Gagnon, E. Pieron, F. Montmarquette.
Credo.....Haydn's
Solo, Mrs. C. Constantineau.
Offertory. Noel duet.....A. Adam
Miss E. Gagnon, Eugenie David.
Sanctus.....Haydn's
Miss Bolivert and A. Montmarquette
Agnus.....Haydn's
Miss E. Gagnon and T. Montmarquette.
Sortie. Orchestra.
Vespers at 3 p. m.
Overture, Orchestra.
Psalms.....Gregorian
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor.....Gregorian
Magnificat.....Mozart
Alma, Solo.....Mariani
Mrs. C. Constantineau.
Adeste Fideles.....Novello
O Salutaris, Solo.....Ritter
Miss A. Cote.
Tantum Ergo.....Goeb
Solos by F. Desrosiers, A. Malo, A. Perron and Miss Gagnon.
The singing will be executed by a well trained chorus of 50 voices under the direction of P. David, Jr., with the well known Prof. Ed. Vincelette at the organ and the full Olympion orchestra.

Three New Soldiers.
Three men were mustered into Co. D., Second Corps Cadets, by the paymaster at the armory Tuesday evening. Two of them were raw recruits and the third was a third enlistment man. Captain Kimball is hustling to get a full company before going to camp next summer.

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Heavy Blue Elsyian Reefers for boys 8 years to 16, $2.00, such as regularly cost three.
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166 Central Street.

Hot Town Meeting.
Brookline, Mass., Dec. 24.—The town meeting here last night by a two-thirds vote adopted a petition to the legislature requesting that body to impeach Chairman Morrell of the Norfolk county commissioners. The debate on the report of a committee which investigated the county commissioners and recommended the impeachment was one of the hottest ever heard in this town, the commissioner being defended by Hon. Alfred E. Chandler, while Moresfield Storey, the counsel for the investigating committee of the last legislature, denounced Chairman Morrell.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT
Protect your family and yourself against future want. Deposit in the Savings Department of the Traders' National Bank on or before January 2d (Saturday), at 9 p. m. Receive interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum commencing January 1st, and compounding twice each year. Savings Department open daily from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m. Banking Rooms cor. Middlesex street and Postoffice avenue.

The Turkey King
IS DEAD
Battle clears away on Christmas morn. The people will have declared the Unions the champions in the Poultry selling business of Lowell. Our first car of
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The will of Henry Pierce makes him a great post mortem philanthropist. He leaves two million dollars to public institutions not particularly in need of such bequests.

The English press is greatly reassured by the fact that but fifty-two million instead of ninty-three millions as at first reported are threatened with death by starvation in India.

The collapse of the National Bank of Chicago is another proof of the substantial character of Tom Reed's staple article confidence, and of the McKinley brand of prosperity.

The New York Journal is making an able fight for dollar gas. It is bound to succeed in the end. The Journal is the leading paper of the country on advocacy of the people's rights.

All boys who intend to make an effort to break through the ice on the river will confer a favor by sending their photos to the Sun office that we may illustrate their obituaries.

The manufacturers are endeavoring to make business good by cutting down wages. White Bros., with all their boasted success in the manufacture of box calf seem to lead the way in this backward policy.

Under the constitution the president has the sole right to receive and recognize all ambassadors of other nations. The action of congress on the matter, therefore, means only an expression of opinion.

If we are to have an inaugural ball it's time the ladies knew it in order that they may have time to get ready. From one to two months will be required for such a brilliant occasion, as we are informed that costumes are to be brought from New York if not from London and Paris.

Our supercilious little contemporary, the Sun, is pleased because the Mail has drawn the fire of the Courier-Citizen combination. We remember that during the late national campaign the Sun threatened to publish several columns of political misstatements alleged to have been made by the Mail. We also remember that the Sun never made good its threat, for the very good reason that such a thing was impossible. But, perhaps the Sun would now like to help its superannuated brother across the way by publishing this long delayed expose.—Mail.

No, we never jump on a man when he's down and much less on an old woman. As to the columns of political and other misstatements from the Mail which we thought of publishing during the campaign, we came to the conclusion that such a step would make it appear that an erratic course is not the fixed policy of the Mail which would be a serious misrepresentation of that paper.

THE CHRISTMASTIDE.

Tomorrow will be Xmas, a festival dear to every christian, the natal day of the Savior of mankind, a day that should fill every heart with gladness, and drive out every feeling of hatred between man and man.

It is a day the contemplation of which should inspire benevolence and charity towards the needy, pity for those who suffer and love even for our enemies. But especially is it a day when gladness reigns and when those who can afford it can increase their own happiness by lessening the pangs of others, by consoling the sorrowful, by encouraging the downcast, by imparting hope to those who sink in despair, by turning every aching heart to the crib at Bethlehem to the infant Savior as the only source of real or lasting joy.

The birth of a heavenly Redeemer should ever be celebrated with joy and fervor and it is a source of gratification that the festival is now piously observed by all denominations claiming allegiance to the teachings of christianity.

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

A congressional statesman unknown to fame, comes into prominence in congress by offering a resolution for an amendment to the constitution, providing that the term of members of the lower branch will be four years and that the president shall not be eligible for a second term. The gentleman is Mr. Trelcar of Missouri, and although his intention may be good, yet there is no probability that his resolution will ever be considered. It is very easy to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States, but it is a very difficult thing to get the people of this country prepared to do any tinkering on the constitution.

Such a resolution requires a two-thirds vote of both branches of congress in order to go before the legislatures of the several states, and unless it receives an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the legislatures it stands defeated. Thus it will be seen that it is a very difficult process to bring about an amendment to the constitution. Long agitation and an equanimity of sentiment are required in order to secure such an amendment.

OF HER MANUFACTURERS.

Mr. Olzendam Died of Paralysis at His Home Last Night.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 24.—Hon. Abraham P. Olzendam died last night at his home as the result of a paralytic shock received one week ago.

He was born in Barmer, Prussia, Oct. 10, 1821, and came to America in 1848, landing in New York and working later in Massachusetts factories. He came to Manchester in 1858, and worked four years in the Manchester mills, and in 1862 began the manufacture of hoisery. His business has been built up, until the Olzendam hoisery works, of which he was proprietor, have become widely known.

He was a Republican, and served as representative to the state legislature in 1873-4, as senator in 1886, and as presidential elector in 1892. He was a trustee of the People's Savings bank.

He had been twice married and leaves a wife, three sons and two daughters. He was stricken very suddenly last Monday morning when about to rise from bed, and remained unconscious since until the end.

FATAL FIGHT.

In Which John Mullen Was Killed at Light Station.

Lancaster, N. H., Dec. 24.—John Mullen was killed here last evening by being struck over the head with a club by Engineer James Barney at the electric light station. Mullen, who was intoxicated, applied for admittance to the station for shelter, and on being refused he threatened to do harm to Mr. Barney. A struggle followed, and Barney is said to have struck Mullen a very hard blow, which killed him. Mr. Barney has not been arrested. Mullen was about 40 years old and was for many years the head bookkeeper for a local lumber firm.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The American Banking and Trust company of Auburn, Me., has closed its doors.

MacPherson & Co., wholesale hat manufacturers at Toronto, have assigned.

The president has signed the pension appropriation bill and the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

For the first time in several years New Yorkers have every prospect of enjoying a white Christmas.

Three children of Mrs. McKim, who lives near Franklin, Pa., were burned to death at their home while their mother was away visiting an neighbor.

Joseph T. Doyle, the Republican candidate for congress in the First district of Georgia, has filed notice of contest against Congressman Rufus E. Lester.

Allen Greer and the wife and daughter of Bud Owens were drowned in Clark's river at Paducah, Ky. They were crossing the stream in a canoe and it overturned.

Captain A. K. Miller of New Orleans was elected the president of the American Shipping and Industrial league at New York, to succeed Captain Ambrose Snow, deceased.

Laval university of Quebec conferred the doctorate of divinity and canon law on Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty of Worcester, Mass., the new rector of the Catholic university.

During the coming year the Haverhill (Mass.) Paper company will remove its factory from the Bradford side of the Merrimac river to Berlin, N. H., where it has already a pulp mill.

Frank Drudisis, a workman on the tunnel of the Metropolitan waterworks at Clinton, Mass., was killed by a 700-pound stone, which dropped from the roof of the tunnel upon him.

A special from Paducah, Ky., says: The race war at Mayfield is ended. At a meeting of citizens, both white and colored people, an understanding was reached that peace should reign.

Mayor Strong of New York called to the attention of the board of estimate and appointment the necessity of appropriating $25,000 to pay the expenses of the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Grant monument on April 27 next.

Private James D. Allen, convicted of killing his comrade, Daniel M. Call, of the Fifteenth United States infantry at Fort Sheridan, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment at hard labor. The sentence is the most lenient for manslaughter allowed by the federal statutes.

The committee appointed by the interstate association for the encouragement of trap shooting to select grounds for the coming grand American handicap, which is scheduled to take place on March 23, 24 and 25, has reported favorably on Long Branch and Elizabeth.

Senators Chandler and Gallinger, Representative Baker and Hon. Frank Jones, all of New Hampshire, called upon Acting Secretary McAdoo to urge the navy department to undertake the thorough repair of the dry dock at Portsmouth, N. H. Mr. McAdoo promised to give the subject earnest consideration.

In a duel with pistols fought near Stuttgart between Baron von Wagerheim, secretary of the German legation at Copenhagen, and Lieutenant Count von Gyllenband, the former was wounded in the kidneys and the latter in the abdomen. Both combatants were taken to the hospital.

Fractured His Playmate's Skull.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—Wilfred C. Legault, 12 years old, living on India street, was arrested yesterday afternoon. On Monday, while at play with little Frank McDonough, 6 years old, the Legault boy struck young McDonough over the head with a stick, fracturing his skull. McDonough is in a precarious condition, and Legault will be held pending the result of his injuries.

Arrested on Another Charge.

Rookland, Me., Dec. 24.—Charles E. Peters of South Warren was acquitted in the supreme court yesterday, after trial on a charge of breaking, entering and larceny. The county attorney had him rearrested at once upon the charge of receiving stolen property, and after a hearing before Justice Ulmer he was found probably guilty and held in $1000 for the March grand jury.

Greek Professor Hangs Himself.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 24.—E. B. McKay, professor of Greek in the Baptist college here, hanged himself in his room yesterday. He is supposed to have been temporarily deranged as a result of overwork and a slight sickness.

When you need printing remember The Sun.

THE ONLY True Blood Purifier prominently in the public eye today is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Therefore get Hood's and ONLY HOOD'S.

man with 365 pairs of trousers and goodness knows how many waistcoats. Up and down the avenue he paraded all day long, and the windows rattled from the pattern of his small clothes. Anon, when his frock coat blew aside, the thoughtless made murmurs of applause at the glory of his waistcoat, even as the ungodly fall down and worship before the red idol of Baal.

E. BERRY WALL.

The title of this splendid youth was king of the dudes; in the family Bible it was E. Berry Wall. His family had money, but beyond the legs within those marvelous trousers he had no other visible means of support. Unto this day the name of Berry Wall is a synonym of dress. Behold, it may now take another meaning. E. Berry has gone into politics, and the form that one time exploited all the vagaries of the Piccadilly tailor will now parade modestly in the hustings.

E. Berry Wall in politics! The chappies are amazed.

"What does Berry want?" they ask, and their collars crack with the anxious straining of their intellects.

One solution of the problem of Berry in politics was offered last night. It was that Berry wishes a foreign appointment in order to lay in a new stock of Paris clothes. With a few hundred pairs of the latest thing in France they suggest he could give the Prince of Wales a hard hustle for supremacy.

But, if Berry wishes to go abroad, why does he get in with the Platt push? Why doesn't he stack up with Milholland and Corny Bliss, who will have some sort of influence with the administration? Heavyon only knows, say the chappies.—New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

THE LOSS OF MACEO.

Madrid seems to think that Cuba libre cannot fight without a Maceo. Madrid will be sadder and wiser very soon.—Boston Globe.

It will not prove the deathblow to Cuban hopes that the Spaniards expect. The struggle of Cuba has gone too far to be dependent for its existence upon the life or death of any individual.—St. Paul Globe.

The loss of Maceo is a great blow to the insurgents, but it is not irreparable. The patriot armies are not without other brave and experienced leaders. Gomez survives, and the cause may raise up a successor to Maceo at once.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

In the death of Antonio Maceo the insurgent Cubans have lost their most active and brilliant leader, and it may be that in losing him they have also lost their cause. Whether we applaud or condemn his tireless efforts to free his native island from the rule of Spain, all, we think, will agree that this soldier of mixed blood fought with courage and handled his troops with skill. He inspired his raw levies with confidence and secured their warm attachment as well. It is a touching tribute to his memory that young Gomez preferred to die rather than to abandon his dead general.—Philadelphia Record.

May Have to Dodge Office Seekers.

President Elect McKinley has made no plans as yet for leaving Canton this winter before his inauguration. His future movements will depend entirely on future conditions. It is, however, very probable that he will have to go away for a rest, because office seekers are bound to tire him out unless he begins to decline seeing all of them.—New York World.

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We have bought 50 Fur Collarettes in Electric Seal, black and gray, Krimmer, Astrachan, Persian, Siberian, Chinchilla, Mink, Marten, etc., round, pointed and welted, fancy yokes and all for $3.98 and up.

NO SUCH BARGAINS ANYWHERE

Ladies' Jackets $1.98

Misses' Jackets 98c.

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Ladies' Capes $1.49

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Ladies' and Misses' Fancy Skirts, black, $1.49. Ladies' Woolen Waists 25 different styles, 98c., Ladies' Silk Waists, just the thing for Xmas, $2.25, Tea Gowns with Ribbon Trimmings, $1.25, Feather Boas, real heavy, 39c.

NOTICE—With every purchase of 75c. we give a very nice Ribbon Collar and with a purchase of $10 a new style Mink Collar with 3 tails worth $3.98, at the place of rare bargains.

Imperial Cloak and Suit Store

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Give Useful Presents

The selection of a Christmas present is often a difficult task. We throw out a few suggestions in the way of useful gifts that we are offering this week.

Handsome Stylish Jackets from $2.95 to $18.50, worth from $4.75 to $32.50.

The Latest Styles in Capes from $1.98 to $22.50, worth from $3.75 to $45.00.

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In all the popular high grade furs, style and quality the best, no old stock, special reduced prices for Christmas. Call and examine.

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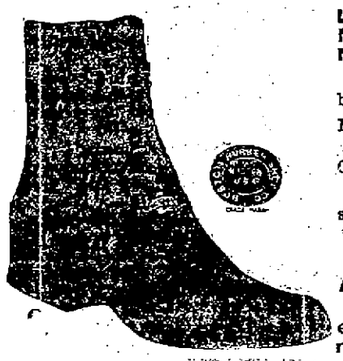
RUBBERS and OVERSHOES Are Needed Now.



Ladies' Rubbers . . 25c.
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Men's Woonsocket Rubber Boots best quality, $2.75.

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Of every kind and description in great variety. Also a complete line of Tools and Hardware.

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216 Central Street.

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I will take it to Austin's and have it repaired. He will put a new cover on it and do anything else needed in a first class manner at a reasonable price.

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A NEW DIPLOMAT

Received by President Cleveland Yesterday

REPRESENTING THE GREATER CENTRAL AMERICA.

This an Outcome of Venezuelan Trouble.

Washington, Dec. 24.—After several weeks' consideration of the status of Senor Rodriguez, the first minister of the greater republic of Central America, President Cleveland yesterday received him and accepted his credentials in a short speech, which, while formal in tone, was thoroughly earnest in its evidence of good will toward the new American union. The president emphasized the purpose of our government to hold the individual states of the new Union to the responsibility for past claims, and he indicated an expectation that Guatemala and Costa Rica, which have so far refrained from joining with the others in the new republic, would soon give in their adherence.

The minister was accompanied to the state department by his secretary, Senor Corea, and his son, J. D. Rodriguez, Jr., who is an attache of the legation. He was escorted to the White House by Secretary Olney, and being introduced to the president delivered his credentials, saying:

Mr. President—The greater republic of Central America has honored me by appointing me its envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the government of your excellency.

In conferring that honor upon me, the diet, which constitutes the bond of union between three republics which organized that new entity, has given me special instructions to assure your excellency—as it is gratifying to me to do—that the greater republic of Central America entertains the same sentiments of cordial and sincere friendship toward the American government and people as have always been held by the people and governments which formed the same; and that it cherishes sincere desires that neither the energetic progress nor the power of this great nation may ever be interrupted or impaired, and also that your excellency may enjoy personally happiness.

It is highly satisfactory to me to place in your excellency's hands the letters which accredit my representation in the character mentioned.

Our firm conviction that the sentiments which I have expressed find on the part of your excellency and of the American nation the most complete reciprocity has induced us to solicit the efficient intervention of your excellency to the end of bringing to a happy termination one of the questions which most interest the confederation by reason of the influence which it may exert upon the pacific developments of its great elements of wealth and prosperity. I trust, Mr. President, that in this end and in the other matters which I shall have to treat with the government of your excellency, I will win your benevolent recognition, and that the results which I may attain will merit the approval of those who have appointed me in additional confirmation of their friendship and gratitude for the interest which the United States of America have ever shown in favor of the well-being of the Central American republics.

The president replied as follows:

Mr. Minister—I take pleasure in receiving at your hands the letter of the diet of the greater republic of Central America, whereby in representation thereof and of the republics of Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, which form that union, you are accredited as their envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to this government.

In recognizing, in the name of the United States of America, the greater republic of Central America, constituted pursuant to stipulations of the treaty of Amapala of June 20, 1895, between the republics of Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, and in entering into diplomatic relations therewith, such recognition is given and such relations entered upon in the distinct understanding that the responsibility of each of these republics to the United States of America remains wholly unaffected.

I discern in the articles of association from which the diet derives its powers a step toward a closer union of Central American states in the interest of their common defense and general welfare, and I welcome it as the precursor of other steps to be taken in the same direction, and which it is hoped may eventually result in the consolidation of all the states of Central America as one nation for all the purposes of their foreign relations and intercourse.

To you individually I extend a cordial greeting, both personal and official, and I trust that your renewed residence at the capital of this country, where you formerly held an important representative mission, will be as agreeable in its personal relations as I believe it will be useful and profitable for the countries you represent, between each of which and the United States has always existed and, it is hoped, will always exist, the closest ties of friendship.

Slashed Cleveland's Portrait.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Jeremiah Sullivan, who was arrested on the charge of having slashed the portrait of Grover Cleveland which hung in the rooms of the county Democracy, was discharged yesterday upon a technicality. The point was raised that the ownership of the portrait was not proven, and that the representatives of the club did not prove themselves to be the corporation.

Northern Pacific Shops Burned.

Glendive, Mon., Dec. 24.—Fire yesterday completely destroyed the extensive machine shops and all but one section of the roundhouses belonging to the Northern Pacific railroad. Loss, $55,000. Fourteen engines in the roundhouse were saved. All machinery and four engines undergoing repairs in the shops were destroyed.

Cathode Rays Don't Lie.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A Roentgen ray photograph, showing the picture of a skull and the different bones with an imbedded bullet, proved valuable testimony in the police court here yesterday. Frank Dugan was on trial for shooting Thomas Taylor during a fight. The defense claimed no shot was fired in the fracas. The prosecution immediately submitted a cathodegraph, showing the bullet still in Taylor's head. Judge Kehoe admitted the introduction of the plate.

CARLOAD OF CORN WANTED.

Plan of Methodist Missionary Society to Relieve Suffering In India.

New York, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the board of managers of the Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church a proposition was presented from Rev. R. G. Hobbs of Jacksonville, Ills., suggesting that a shipload of corn could be readily raised in that state for the relief of starving people in India, and asked the board of managers to take measures for carrying out the plan. The board of managers adopted the following minute:

"That the plan proposed by Rev. R. G. Hobbs, one of our Methodist ministers in Jacksonville, Ills., be approved, and that the secretaries be authorized to take the necessary measures to secure the corn and the means by special contributions from the general public for its transportation to India."

All who are disposed to aid in this undertaking may send contributions to Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, at 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

Injured by Mad Steer.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Nelson Morris, the millionaire packer, had a narrow escape from being gored by a fractious Texas steer yesterday, and J. C. Bohart of the Bohart Commission company, who did not fare as fortunately, was badly hurt. They went into a cattle pen at the stock yards to inspect a consignment of cattle, when a steer made a charge for the two men. The gentlemen rushed for the fence, and Mr. Morris just managed to get over. The steer caught Mr. Bohart squarely and threw him high. When he descended he fell into a trough, and to this he owes his life. The steer made frantic efforts to gore him, but his horns were so wide it could not get them down into the trough, where Mr. Bohart lay, unconscious. Mr. Bohart's shoulder was dislocated, he was badly cut on the head and neck and was terribly bruised. His injuries, though serious, are not fatal.

Damages Awarded.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Justice Ritchie yesterday filed his assessment of damages in the case of Hansen vs. Law, which case was tried here and appealed, being sent back for the assessment of damages. He assesses the plaintiff's damages occasioned by the collision at $25,310, made up as follows: Expenses of repairs, etc., $20,564; 113 days' detention at $42 a day, $4646. He allows interest from June 11, 1890, at 5 per cent per annum. This case was an action brought to recover damages for injuries sustained by the ship Rolf in collision with the ship Wiley L. Boyd. The courts decided the defendants were liable, and hence the assessment.

Another Train Held Up.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Blue cut, made historic through the operations there of the James and Younger bands when they were pioneers in the train robbing industry, was the scene last night of its fourth hold-up by road agents. At 9:20 o'clock the St. Louis and Chicago express was flagged and came to a standstill. Masked men immediately covered the engineer and fireman and compelled them to get down from their cab. At the same time another member of the gang uncoupled the express car from the train. The robbers quickly climbed aboard the locomotive and the express car, and before the trainmen had time to collect their wits, the bandits were speeding down the steep grade beyond Blue cut, with the engine and the express coach, and Express Manager A. J. Frier of St. Louis a prisoner in the car. The engine and express car were found some miles from Blue cut, where the robbers had left them after securing the contents of the express box.

Bryan's Reception.

Atlanta, Dec. 24.—Hon. William J. Bryan arrived in Atlanta Tuesday night from Chicago. At an early hour yesterday morning he was called on at the Kimball House by Governor Atkinson and escorted to the executive mansion, where he will remain as the governor's guest during his stay in Atlanta. A large number of prominent citizens called on him during the morning, and shortly after noon he was tendered a breakfast at the Kimball House by the Young Men's Democratic league. Mr. breakfast Mr. Bryan was welcomed by Governor Atkinson and Mayor King. Mr. Bryan responded briefly. Repeated calls were made for ex-Secretary Hoke Smith, who was present in response to a special invitation from the league. Mr. Smith, in asknowledging calls, spoke pleasantly of Mr. Bryan personally, while reiterating the disagreement between them on the financial issue.

Mining Man's Return.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 24.—Alexander Dick, a well-known Nova Scotia mining man, arrived in St. John yesterday on his return from the British Columbia gold fields. He spoke confidently of the great future of the Kootenay country, where he spent the last three months, and said he was strongly impressed with the necessity of the early construction of the Crow's Nest railway. After spending some time in Montreal and New York Mr. Dick will return to British Columbia, where he has acquired considerable interests.

Papers of Historic Value.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 24.—Samuel T. Pickard, the literary executor of Poet Whittier, has discovered some colonial histories and other publications of value in the late poet's homestead here. These volumes will be presented to the Amesbury and Haverhill public libraries.

Towed Into Port.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—The four-masted schooner Sara E. Palmer, Captain Whittier, for which considerable anxiety has been felt, was towed into port last night by the revenue cutter Woodbury and two tugs. She was in a battered condition, covered with ice, and her crew almost exhausted.

Mother Injured by Gun.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 24.—Horace Lewis of Wiscassett, 20 years old, while loading a gun at his home, accidentally exploded it, shattering his aged mother's ankle so that the foot had to be amputated before medical aid was rendered she may die.

Acquittal at Dedham.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 24.—Several witnesses testified to the good character and veracity of Mrs. Hatlinger yesterday and the case was closed and argued. The jury remained out 40 minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty.

Champion Trap Shot.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Charles H. Grimm of Clear Lake, Ia., is the champion trap shot of America. In the match between Grimm and Dr. Carver yesterday at 100 birds for $200 a side and the championship of America Grimm won by a score of 98 to 96.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

CUBAN AUTONOMY

Efforts of Administration to That End

WILL BE CONTINUED AT ALL HAZARDS.

Latest News From Seat of War.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Whatever course congress may finally take with respect to the Cameron resolution the insistent efforts of the present administration, at least, will continue to be exerted in behalf of an autonomous government for the Cubans. During the correspondence between this government and Spain the Canadian system has repeatedly been referred to as a model which Spain might do well to follow in granting home rule to her Cuban colonists. The objection, however, has been made, and with some reason, it is admitted, that a system which would work admirably with her majesty's subjects in Canada might utterly fail if applied to the Cubans. That Spain has intimated that, under certain conditions, she would not be averse to granting a reasonable measure of home rule to the Cubans is beyond question. She, however, insists that nothing less than a disastrous defeat in battle will cause the insurgents to heed such propositions, and it is regarded in Madrid as useless to attempt any of the reforms suggested until Weyler strikes a decisive blow.

This government, however, does not fully agree with that view of the case, and undoubtedly it is making some progress in its contention for peace on a basis alike reasonable and honorable to the Cubans, as well as to Spain. One of the principal motives which has actuated this government in the course it has taken in this matter is the protection of the persons and property of citizens of the United States now engaged as tobacco and sugar planters in Cuba. Although the planters generally are said to sympathize with the Cuban cause, information has reached this government that as a rule they entertain serious doubts of the ability of the native Cubans, if wholly successful, to maintain a stable and satisfactory government. What the planters most desire is annexation to the United States, but as the administration, as plainly made evident, regards this as out of the question, the planters next favor an autonomous government under the executive supervision of Spain. Should Spain consent to allow Cuba to legislate as to her own internal affairs, the United States, as stated by Mr. Olney in his report to congress, would consent to become responsible to Spain for the faithful observance of the conditions of the treaty between the two countries. The idea of this government is that this agreement could be made a part of a new treaty between the United States and Spain, the necessity for which is admitted by both governments. The Spanish authorities, it can be stated, share the feeling strongly entertained by the United States, that the present treaty has long outlived its usefulness.

NEWS FROM SEAT OF WAR.

Two Towns Besieged by Insurgents—General Aguirre Wounded.

Havana, Dec. 24.—Since Dec. 12 the insurgent forces under General Garrido have besieged and attacked the town of Vueltas, in Santa Clara province. On Dec. 14 they sent a letter to the military governor, Major Manuel Parez, calling upon him to surrender or they would commence the bombardment of the town at 9 o'clock that night. At 7:30 o'clock in the evening the forts and intrenchments opened fire against the insurgents, who were engaged in burning the country huts and dwellings without permitting families to save their furniture or anything else. Part of the garrison left the town to engage with insurgents, and drove them with the bayonet into the woods. Some of the countrymen assured the troops that numerous bands of insurgents were concentrating in that district.

The insurgents under Garrido also besieged and attacked the town of Baez in Santa Clara, and burned several houses in the outskirts of the town. Notwithstanding the superior numbers of the insurgents the garrison refused to surrender, and after a two days' siege General Solano came to their assistance with his column.

The Spanish government has semi-official advices of the concentration of insurgents in Santa Clara, both from the eastern and western part of the island.

It is reported that many insurgent chiefs, including Maximo Gomez, are willing to accept an arrangement for Cuban autonomy, but that they are unwilling to treat with any Spanish general but Martinez Campos.

Private advices from the interior report that the insurgent general, Jose Maria Aguirre, who held the chief command of the insurgent forces in Havana province, was mortally wounded in a recent engagement with the Spanish forces near Campo Florido.

Bank Robber Pardoned.

St. Paul, Dec. 24.—Governor Clough yesterday pardoned Phil Sheig, who was sentenced to Stillwater for his share in robbing a Minneapolis bank. Sheig was an employe of the bank, and was said to be in league with the Floyd brothers, being the tool through whom they managed to rob the bank of many thousands of dollars. The Floyd boys were pardoned some time ago. Governor Clough was a stockholder in the bank at the time of the robbery. Sheig started for his home in Minneapolis immediately on receiving his pardon.

Diphtheria at New Haven.

New Haven, Dec. 24.—Grave fears of an epidemic of diphtheria are entertained by the board of health, as within the past two days 20 cases have been reported. Energetic measures to check the disease have been taken, and during the two weeks' vacation, which begins tonight, all the schools will be fumigated.

Hammond the Scapegoat.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Vice President Hammond is blamed for the failure of the Illinois National bank by the officials of that institution. It is alleged that Hammond made the Calumet Loan without the knowledge of the directors. Hammond's friends say he is being made the scapegoat in the case, and that the bank officials were cognizant of the transaction which brought about the bank's collapse.

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OF INTEREST TO TRAVELLERS.

Arrangements Being Perfected For Issuance of Mileage Tickets.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chairman Donald of the central passenger committee yesterday issued notice to all interested lines that he was ready to receive orders for the issue of the 5000 interchangeable mileage ticket which the roads of his organization for the most part have determined to put in operation at the beginning of the year. The tickets will be good over 42 roads running east and southeast from this city. All the roads over which the tickets are good are not members of the central passenger committee, but all of them have constituted Chairman Donald as their agent for the issue and control of the mileage tickets. The ticket will be of the photogravure-signature form, and of the photogravure-signature form, and both the signature and photograph of the applicant must be handed in at the time of making application for the ticket. Strips from the ticket will not be accepted for transportation, nor for checking baggage, and in all cases where the ticket is used it must be presented entire. Before beginning any journey the holder of the ticket must take it to the ticket agent of the road over which he intends to travel and the agent will tear off the proper amount of mileage and issue to the holder a continuous passage ticket to his destination. The mileage book is not transferrable, and if presented by any one other than whose photograph appears on the book it will be taken up and the fare collected. Chairman Donald will be the only one to issue the tickets, and in no case will he issue a ticket until the full price, $100, has been paid for it.

It is likely that the western roads will hold another meeting in the near future to consider the advisability of issuing an inter-changeable mileage ticket, an inter-changeable mileage ticket. There is a strong element among the roads, however, that are willing to wait until the eastern lines have given the ticket a trial, and if they find that its use is satisfactory the western lines may take it up. Some of the roads are in favor of a more aggressive policy, and desire to issue the ticket at once without waiting for the eastern lines, but as they now cannot possibly get the tickets out in time to place them on the market at the time of the eastern lines it is altogether likely that they will await the result of the trial to be given the ticket by the eastern roads.

The western roads say that they will not abandon their large commissions on business from Canadian points to points in eastern Canada and New England, to which objection has been made by the Canadian Pacific. They say that they have put the commissions in to remain as long as the Soo line keeps up its commission, and they will not take them out until they have had satisfactory assurances that the Soo has done so, or is about to do likewise.

Tommy Ryan Wins.

Syracuse, Dec. 24.—Tommy Ryan, ex-welterweight champion of the world, knocked out Billy Payne of Philadelphia in the fourth round of a 20-round contest, which took place last night before the Empire Athletic club of this city.

Tilden's Will Declared Invalid.

New York, Dec. 24.—A decision was handed down in the supreme court yesterday by Justice Beekman in which he declares certain trusts under the will of the late Samuel J. Tilden to be invalid. The suit in which the decision is rendered was brought by the executors under the will, who asked for a construction of certain clauses. A decision was rendered by the court of appeals by which the residuary trust was declared illegal. Mrs. Pelton, the sister of the testator, then handed over the greater portion of her share to the founding of the Tilden library in this city, and a contingent fund of $500,000 was created to carry out clauses 33 and 34 of the will, which dealt with the establishment of free libraries at New Lebanon and Yonkers, $100,000 having being left for these objects. Both these trusts are declared by Justice Beekman to be open to the fatal objection that they violate the statute against perpetuities.

Run Over by Switch Engine.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 24.—David M. Harris of Pownal, an employe of the Grand Trunk railway, was run over by a switch engine at Brown's crossing, where he was employed, shortly before 6 o'clock last night. Both legs were nearly severed. Harris was brought to the Central Maine hospital, here, where he died at 7 o'clock. He leaves a wife and two children at Pownal.

Sharkey and Choynski.

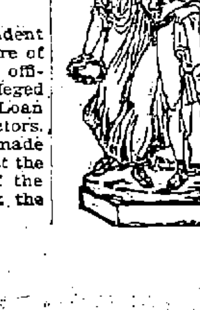
Pittsburg, Dec. 24. — Parson Davies, who is in the city, announces that he has deposited with Al Smith of New York $1000 for a match between Choynski and Sharkey for a purse of $5000, which will be offered by Dan Stuart. The fight, if the terms are agreed to by Sharkey, will be pulled off on the same date and the same place as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons contest.

Manitoban Politician Arrested.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—A decided sensation was caused in political circles yesterday morning by the arrest of R. B. Herriman for alleged frauds in the MacDonald election last June. Herriman, who was deputy for Boyd (Con., M. P.), is charged with tampering with ballot boxes and other crimes. The prisoner was released on bail.

Killed at Crossing.

Trenton, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Henry Barnes and Miss Tyrrell, her sister, were driving in a carriage yesterday afternoon over the Philadelphia and Reading railroad tracks at Woodbourn, when their team was struck by a train. Miss Tyrrell was instantly killed and Mrs. Barnes fatally injured.



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MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS HELD YESTERDAY.

Prospectus to be Issued in a Few Days.

A meeting of the directors of the Textile school was held yesterday in the board of trade rooms, A. G. Cumnock presiding.

It was one of the best attended they have held.

The several committees appointed to look after the various arrangements necessary in getting the school ready, reported that matters are progressing finely. A good portion of the machinery is in position and more is constantly arriving.

The three rooms to be used in the school work will be ready by Feb. 1, 1897 when it is proposed to begin the first term.

A prospectus roughly drawn to give an outline of the work proposed for the benefit of those wishing to become students.

Mr. Brooks will have the minor details ready in a few days so that the pamphlet may be issued. It sets forth that the first term will open Feb. 1st and that the admission examination will be of such a nature that a grammar school student should find no difficulty in passing it. The age will allow young men of 14 and over to enter.

The expense for day students, while not definitely fixed, is likely to be about $5g for the whole term. But for evening students, a charge of from 50c. to $5 a term, according to the number of branches studied, and just enough to cover the cost of materials used, will be made.

Already applications for admission have been received from different parts of the state.

Mr. Brooks, the new principal, is hustling to aid all who wish to enter. His address is 322 East Merrimack street.

ACCIDENT AND DESTITUTION

THE MOTHER INJURED AND TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

While Three Children Are Helpless at Home—A Case for Benevolence.

A remarkably sad case of poverty has come to light through the efforts of Constable McManus.

Mary Martin is a poor hard-working widow whose husband was drowned about a year ago. She has worked night and day since then to support her three small children.

Last night while she was going to buy some wood she slipped on her icy steps, and falling, broke her leg.

She was taken to St. John's hospital this morning.

Mrs. Lyons, a charitable woman residing on Cross street, near Marion, has taken the children.

Let those who wish to do good at Christmastide remember those poor children.

Another family was left homeless by eviction yesterday and was provided with a free tenement by Rev. Fr. O'Brien.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Observed Last Night.

A half a century of happy married life is an experience with which but few couples are blessed and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson of 161 School street are of the few for yesterday they observed the 50th anniversary of their marriage by a golden wedding.

The receiving hours were from 2 to 5 and 7 to 10 o'clock in the afternoon and evening and they were assisted in receiving by their children.

Among those present were Mr. Coolidge Johnson, Mrs. Harriet Cole, Mrs. Fred Edgell and Mrs. Walter Parker of Lowell and Mrs. Frank O. Ireson of Laconia, N. H. Another member of the family, Mrs. Horace Bennett of Milltown, N. B., was unable to be present.

A poem composed for the occasion by Miss Lucretia T. Howe of North Rumford, Me., was read and refreshments served day and evening. The couple have 12 grandchildren.

LOWELL MACHINISTS

Organized a Labor Union in Building Laborers' Hall.

The local branch of the International Association of Machinists met last night for the purpose of perfecting an organization of Lowell machinists.

The meeting was called to order by District Organizer Weeks of the Federation of labor. He spoke of the great benefit of trades' unionism and District Organizer Cowgill of the International Association of Machinists pointed out the fact that machinists are poorly paid because they lack organization.

RIPLEY'S REMAINS

Will be Sent to Manchester for Interment.

The remains of Willard L. Ripley will be forwarded to Manchester, N. H. for interment. His brother, a livery stable keeper of Worcester viewed the remains at Undertaker O'Donnell's warerooms this morning and instructed him to prepare the body for burial.

The contents of the bottle found by Ripley's side in the hotel was examined yesterday afternoon, and was found to be chloral hydrate, a deadly poison. The death certificate was signed soon afterwards by Dr. Irish, who pronounced the case one of suicide.

ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL

In Session at the First Congregational Church Today.

The ecclesiastical council is holding a meeting in the First Congregational church this morning, and two propositions are to be made from the First Trinitarian side, showing that there is a sentiment in favor of an adjustment of the matter, even if an adverse decision were made.

The meeting is not public and the result is awaited with interest.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Pupils Entertain Rev. Fr. O'Brien With a Delightful Program.

The pupils of Notre Dame academy entertained Rev. Michael O'Brien, their beloved rector, with an elaborate presentation of the play "Tyburne," a story of the Elizabethan age, in the academy lecture hall, yesterday afternoon.

All the characters were assumed and admirably interpreted by the young ladies of the academy.

The parts were taken by Misses McLaughlin, Duane, Crowley, M. F. Murphy, Bessie Murphy, Hartnett, Mahoney, Downing, Lanen, Shea, McKean, R. Burke, Farrell, Hale, Cahill, Herrick, Crouse, M. Burke, McCarthy and Holmes. Between the acts there were musical numbers, including a piano duet by Misses Murphy and Lyons; a song by Misses O'Donnell and Vincent; Annie Laurie, on the violin by Miss A. Lyons and on the piano by Miss M. Lyons; Distant Chimes, by Misses McCarthy, Courtney and Crousse; Come Back to Erin, by Miss M. Burke; Breathe Thou One Sigh, by Misses M. Lyons, Crousse and Herrick; and a banjo and piano duet by Misses Herrick and Duane.

An address to the pastor was read, to which Rev. Fr. O'Brien responded, alluding to the entertainment in terms of highest praise and wishing all a pleasant Christmas vacation. There were present also Revs. Frs. O'Brien and Scannell of St. Michael's. At the conclusion of the entertainment all received the pastor's blessing.

Yesterday morning the pupils of St. Patrick's Girls' school entertained Rev. Fr. O'Brien.

BOYS WERE DROWNED.

The Cap of One of Them Found Near a Hole in the Ice.

Lawrence, Dec. 23.—There is now no doubt that the two boys, Stiles and Weeks, have been drowned in the Merrimack. The parents and others followed the marks of their skates on the ice until they came to a hole. There the cap of one boy was found.

FIRE IN MONTREAL

Destroys Three Fine Residences—Loss Estimated at $100,000.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—A fire this morning destroyed the residences of Frank May, the wholesale dry goods dealer; John Gault, superintendent of the Merchants' bank, and Judge Doherty. The loss is estimated at $100,000.

PLAGUE INCREASING

As a Result of the Famine—No Medical Treatment.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Bombay, Dec. 23.—It is officially stated that the plague is increasing here and at Karach. Many deaths are reported and no medical treatment is provided for a large portion of the sufferers.

Co-operative Brotherhood.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

La Grange, Ind., Dec. 23.—The Brotherhood of the co-operative commonwealth is being established in Indiana and Michigan. It is a new movement among working men to assist in the establishment of co-operative colonies throughout the country.

Instantly Killed.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Frank McDonald, aged 25, a brakeman on the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, was struck by a bridge at Roxbury this morning and instantly killed. The body was terribly mutilated.

Slavery Abolished.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Among the earliest reforms of the French government in Madagascar is embodied a decree abolishing slavery.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

The gun boat Annapolis, for practice cruiser at the Annapolis Naval academy, was successfully launched at the Crescent shipyards, Elizabeth, N. J., at 10.30 this morning.

The European powers have formed a plan for forcing the Sultan to grant reforms.

Divisions 11 A. O. H. Elect Officers.

Division 11 A. O. H. last night elected the following officers: Michael J. Horan, president, Michael Gardner, vice-president; Thomas F. Spelman, recording secretary; John J. O'Brien, financial secretary; James O'Brien, treasurer; L. J. McDonough, physician. There was a number of new members admitted and several propositions for membership. Dr. McAdams, John J. Crowley, and M. J. Gardner, literary committee. The division is in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Albert Remembered.

A number of the friends of Undertaker Joseph Albert met last night in St. Joseph's hall and presented him with a fine fur overcoat. By mistake a lady's coat was sent, but this was rectified.

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WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

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The pupils of Miss Adelaide Noyes gave a concert and entertainment in Post 120 hall last evening, delighting a large audience.

Mr. Samuel J. Kitson, the sculptor, was in the city yesterday and placed in Judge Lilley's house a fine bust of the late Hon. Arthur P. Bonney.

At the residence of Rev. J. M. Paradis, in First street last evening, Miss Marguerite Pertuisat read a paper on "How to Learn Modern Languages."

The Lowell Electric Light company, through its president, W. A. Ingham, presented each of its employes, yesterday, with a fresh plump Vermont turkey.

There are many grades of coal and you want the best. W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street, will give you the benefit of his experience if you order your winter supply of him.

The republican members elect of the common council held a conference last evening and talked over the council presidency. Several stated that they would not be bound by any vote taken.

A two story farm house owned and occupied by Thos. Fuller, in Hudson, on the Lowell road, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Loss covered by insurance. It has been built more than a century.

John Pevey is giving his friends a novel Christmas present. It is a neat cigar case in the form of a pair of kid gloves. Mr. Pevey has the finest line of imported cigars, so that a customer can get the case filled if he desires.

The American Express company has awarded the contract to feed the help in their employ in Boston during the holidays covering three days to the D. L. Page company and the meals to be furnished are dinner and supper. The number being fed is 300.

Broke His Leg.

Patrick Burns fell yesterday on William street and broke a leg. He was taken to St. John's hospital in the ambulance.

Catholic Prayer Books.

A large assortment of the latest bindings, pearl rosaries, and other religious articles suitable for a christmas present at Murphy's 18 Appleton street.

House Burned.

A house upon the Lamson farm at Windham, N. H., owned by Bert Smittuson of this city, was burned yesterday, nothing but the furniture being saved.

Burn Wilson's Coal.

Robe Thief Arrested.

Frank P. Clark stole a wolf skin robe from a carriage belonging to J. A. Polse, on Paige street, and pawned it in Daggett's store. A few minutes later Officer Bart Ryan gathered him in.

At the Highland Club.

The juvenile operetta, "The Little Kittens" was presented at the Highland club last evening by some young people of the Highlands. Several specialties were given incident to the performance.

Street Car Mishaps.

One of the Nesmith street cars went off the track in Pawtucketville this morning, delaying travel for a short time.

A wagon and electric car collided on Dutton street this morning. The damage was not great.

TWO ENGRAVINGS.

Presented the Bartlett School by the Pupils Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the Bartlett school through the teachers, presented the school with two beautiful engravings, one of Daniel Webster, the other of James Russell Lowell.

THE COUNCIL

Will Meet in Special Session Monday Evening.

There will be a special meeting of the common council next Monday evening and the salary resolution will again be submitted to the lower branch with the aldermanic endorsement.

It is possible that Mayor Courtney will call a special meeting of the aldermen for the same time.

GEORGIA MILL.

Extension of the Massachusetts Has 1200 Hands.

Mr. A. W. Hunking, manager of the Massachusetts mills in Georgia, at Lindale, is on a brief visit to his home in Lowell. The mill is now running to its full capacity. The company has built up a town of 1200 people where a short time ago there was only a farm house. A meeting house and school house have been erected, and prosperity reigns in the pleasant southern village.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Firemen bowled a great game last night against the Olympics. Every man but Welch passed the 500 mark and had his score averaged with the others the team total would have reached 2700. Here are the totals:

Firemen—Merrill 569, Brainard 573, McCormick 532, Welch 456, Dearth 510; total 2640.

Olympics—Mellen 410, Fee 413, Simmons 434, L. Panton 425, Campbell 455; total 2137.

The Vespers defeated The Club last night 2578 to 2116.

In the Banker's tournament, Team One defeated Team Five 1841 to 1807.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big tea dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

Les Miserables bowling alleys and billiard hall now open. East Merrimack street

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 21 MERK. ST.

ALDERMEN MEET

And Non-Concur With the Common Council

IN THE GENERAL INCREASE OF SALARIES.

Purchasing Agent to Receive $2400 Per Annum.

The board of aldermen yesterday afternoon undid what the common council had done on the previous evening. It concurred in fixing the salary of purchasing agent at $2400 and non-concurred in everything else.

Only once was the silence of the room disturbed.

The aldermen passed several resolutions for new sewers in concurrence.

The report of the registrars of voters on the recount was ordered on file.

When Mayor Courtney read the resolution to increase the pay of the city laborers 25c. a day, the five aldermen looked grave. The resolution had passed the council Tuesday night; aldermanic sanction followed by the mayor's approval would bring joy to the hearts of all city employes and several hundred prospective ones.

It was read the first time, then given a second reading, with but one dissenting vote.

"The question comes on final passage," said the mayor.

Not one favored it. When the negatives were called for, there was a sharp "no" and the resolution was defeated.

The aldermen were now prepared to strike straight from the shoulder, and they did.

The mayor read the report of the committee on salaries as amended by the council.

The councilmanic endorsement was a very lengthy one, but the aldermen followed the reading very closely and as they went along, checked off the amended sections on printed reports that had been supplied them.

A wait of a few moments ensued, and several of the aldermen got their heads together.

"Mr. Mayor," said Alderman Tryder, "it is pretty certain that some of the councilmen were not responsible for their actions last night. There must have been something the matter somewhere. For that reason I favor adhering to our former action, excepting in the case of the purchasing, and he should receive $2400 a year."

It was a brief speech, but to the point. That was all that was said.

One section after another of the amended salary report was voted down. The aldermen unanimously refused to increase the pay of the city treasurer, policemen, superintendent of streets, superintendent of buildings, superintendent of water works, superintendent of city scales, fish warden, pound keeper and firemen.

The action of the council respecting the other sections was discussed in. It required only ten minutes for the aldermen to take issue with the men in the lower branch.

Then they adjourned.

The absentees were Aldermen Dow, Flemings and Pevey.

SUPPLIES BOUGHT AHEAD

IN THE STREET AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

The Mayor Finds Great Foresight Exercised In These Departments.

Several weeks ago Mayor Courtney notified by special communication the heads of the various departments, that in ordering supplies, they should not exceed the quantity or amount actually needed to carry them through the year.

Reports had reached him, that some officials intended to place orders for material that would be more than sufficient to carry them through this year and would supply the respective departments for several months next year.

He was warned that in the street department his order would be violated.

Supt. Cheney was called to account, and officially advised by the mayor to see to it that his order shall not exceed what is actually required in his department the remainder of the year.

But the advice must have fallen on deaf ears, or else some one openly defies the chief executive and challenges him to exercise stringent measures. At the auditor's office the bills for hay and grain received this month, are unusually large.

It is reported that the grain bins and hay lofts in the various fire houses are well filled, and the supply of hay and grain at the city stables is by no means meagre. The purchase of other supplies, too, has not been small.

The evident intent is to lay in a store of goods before the purchasing agent assumes office.

RACING ON THE RIVER.

Half Mile Straightaway Track Made at Middlesex Village.

If the weather is propitious there will be good sleighing on the Merrimack river next Sunday. Doc. Evans is giving all his time to the matter of a track just at present and yesterday he found eight inches of ice at Middlesex Village. Doc. intends to have as fine a half mile straightaway track as has ever been seen in these parts and unless it storms in the meantime he will have it by next Sunday. Some day next week if the weather continues good there will be a match race between Hugh Green's "Lambert McGregor" and Will Green's "Hello Girl" for $25 a side.

Enjoyable Whist Party.

The second of a series of delightful whist parties was held last evening at Mechanics' hall. Miss Julia Rafter won the first lady's prize and Miss Helen Dempsey the second. Dr. W. J. Kelly captured the first gentleman's prize, and Mr. Charles Lynch the second. There were no consolation prizes.

After the whist, dancing under leap year rules was enjoyed until midnight. Hibbard's orchestra furnished music. The next of the series will be held on January 13th.

Beecham's pills for constipation 10¢ and 25¢. Get the book at your druggist's and go by it.

Annual sales more than 6,000,000 boxes.

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And why not a pie-pusher as well as a coffee-pusher? It's far more necessary. Do you suffer with dyspepsia? Ayer's Cathartic Pills will cure you. Take a

PILL AFTER PIE.

OF BRAM'S STORY

He Will Take the Witness Stand Himself

IN SELF DEFENCE AGAINST EVIDENCE.

The Opening of the Defense Yesterday.

Defendant Takes Witness Stand and Tells a Straight Tale.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The defense in the trial of Mate Bram, charged with the killing of Captain C. I. Nash on the barkentine Herbert Fuller, began yesterday. The junior counsel for the accused, Asa P. French, made a lengthy, but eloquent, opening, and then called Bram himself to the witness stand to testify in his own behalf. The direct examination was lengthy, and at the time of adjournment was still unfinished. Bram told a straight story of the affair and made but few contradictory statements. He claimed that Monks, the passenger, advanced the theory that the second mate killed the captain and his wife and then killed himself. The nature of the testimony of Bram was to place the responsibility of the murder on either Brown or the second mate.

Bram told of the placing of Brown in irons and of his own experience in a similar predicament. When being ironed he told the steward he was innocent, and knew nothing of the case.

The Fuller was brought into port and Bram placed in jail. Before the direct examination was completed the adjournment hour arrived. It is expected that the entire day will be consumed in the cross-examination.

Connecticut Filibuster.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 24.—It is reported that Peter Sanford, a dry goods clerk of this city, went to Cuba about a year ago to help the insurgents. He returned to this country two months ago, and four weeks later, with several companions, he loaded the sloop Advance near Norfolk and successfully landed dynamite and rifles on the Cuban coast. A letter just received says he is now near Beaufort, N. C., on board the Advance, en route with three companions with another load of ammunition for the Cubans.

Boston Spiritualists Emigrate.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Concannon, the mediums, whose experiences at the Spiritualistic temple in this city during the past few Sundays has been of such a sensational character, have decided to leave Boston today for Lake Helen, Fla.

"If Eric is in robust health, and has slept well, and is at the top of his condition at his departure from Greenland, his ships will reach Newfoundland. But, take out Eric and put in a stronger man—Biorn or Thorfin and the ships with just as much ease will reach Labrador and New England."

Emerson was right. The stronger a man is the fuller his chest is, the sounder his heart and brain and lungs are, the further he will sail on the ocean, the higher he will sail in his balloon, and the deeper he will dive into the intricacies of his business or profession. A man's glory is his strength. The world has small use for weaklings, and, it must be said, sickly people have little use for the world. But, sickness is generally an unnecessary evil. It is almost a crime against nature to be ill. If you are ill and feel repentant, anxious to undo the mischief, take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Don't be despondent because your grandfather died of consumption or bronchitis, or some other equally frightful throat or lung trouble. There is no need of hereditary consumption. Purify your blood with "Golden Medical Discovery," then take more of it to thoroughly strengthen and build up your whole body through the purity and strength of your blood.

There is nothing miraculous about the "Discovery." It is a compound of curatives skillfully blended. It will cure 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption if it is honestly used.

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MATINEES, Christmas Day and Saturday, 2.30. Children, 10c.

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Doors open at 7.15; commence at 8 p. m.

FOR THAT TREATY

Between England and America Ready.

SENATE AND HOUSE WILL PASS UPON IT.

Congress May Have to Make Changes.

Washington, Dec. 24.—There is no longer any doubt that the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain is practically completed to the satisfaction of both governments, and that its presentation to congress may be expected in the near future. Several minor amendments have been suggested and accepted from time to time during the progress of the negotiations, but it is now confidently believed that the clear copy which was forwarded to Lord Salisbury by Sir Julian Pauncefote about a week ago will at once receive the formal approval of the British premier and be returned to Washington in time to be presented to the senate for ratification immediately on the reassembling of congress after the holiday recess, Jan. 5.

As already outlined, the life of the treaty purposely is made very short, only five years, but this is with the expectation of a renewal for a longer period if it shall prove to work well, and also to afford easy opportunity for amendment. Its purpose is to dispose peacefully and honorably of such questions as arise between the United States and Great Britain, and will admit of adjustment by the ordinary methods of diplomacy, excluding questions involving the national honor.

The personnel of the arbitration commission is to be of the highest character; men selected from the judiciary of each country in equal numbers, three from each side, and provision is made against a failure through a tie vote by the bringing in of an umpire. Neither the Venezuelan question nor the Behring sea issue are to go before this commission, but its first work probably would be to close up the Alaskan boundary controversy and some other open issues of minor interest but real importance.

Unlike the Venezuelan boundary arrangement, this treaty must go to our senate for ratification, and the house of representatives also will leave an opportunity indirectly to pass upon it, for legislation will be necessary to provide the means to maintain the commission. The fate of the project in congress can only be conjectured at present. Some fear is expressed that the issue made by Secretary Olney over the Cuban question may somewhat jeopardize this crowning piece of diplomacy by increasing criticism and the display of ill-feeling on the part of some senators, who feel that their prerogatives have been invaded.

It is known also that other senators favorable to the general project of arbitration have their own peculiar ideas about means which they may attempt to carry out by amendments to the treaty. If these are of small importance they may be accepted by the executive and by the British government, but the whole great project of a general arbitration treaty is one which diplomats feel must be entered upon with the greatest caution and the agreement so far effected with such difficulty that any considerable departure from the scheme proposed by amendments probably would lead to failure of the treaty and thus give a formidable set-back to the whole movement.

No Penalty For Not Voting.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The state supreme court yesterday decided that the section of the charter of Kansas City providing that each qualified voter who fails to vote at a general election should be taxed $2.50 is invalid. It was a test case, in which the city brought suit against a voter who had failed to vote to recover the tax. The court, in its decision, says: "Who can estimate the money value to the public of a vote? It is degrading to the franchise to associate it with such an idea. The ballot of the humblest in the land may mould the destiny of nation for ages."

Governor Bradley Will Offer Rewards.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 24. — Governor Bradley, in an interview last night on the recent frequent mob murders in Kentucky, denounced the law breakers, the inefficiency of local officials and strongly intimated that if requested, according to Kentucky's peculiar law on the subject, he will offer big rewards without number for members of the mobs. He also rebukes the legislature for its failure to enact into law his late recommendations as to mobs.

Counterfeiter Basford Sentenced.

New York, Dec. 24.—Henry T. Basford, 78 years of age, who was convicted in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court recently of making and selling counterfeit coins, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Brown to two years' imprisonment in Kings county penitentiary. Basford once served a term of imprisonment in New Jersey for altering a marriage certificate in the Lewis will contest. The convicted man is reputed to be wealthy.

Harrison Jewelry Returned.

Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—General Harrison has recovered all of the goods recently stolen from his house by a porch climber. They came to him through the medium of an acquaintance in Chicago. A reward was offered, but was declined. Mrs. Harrison's watch and chain, an heirloom; a diamond pin and several smaller articles, amounting in value to several hundred dollars, came back in good order.

Illinois Senatorial Contest.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Post says that Governor-elect John M. Tanner has at last declared himself on the United States senatorial question, and has come out squarely in support of Alderman Martin B. Madden of Chicago. The governor-elect is said to have declared his friendship for Madden and a determination to work with the Cook county managers for his election.

Work of Portland's Firebug.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—A man employed at Soul's livery stable discovered a lively blaze that had evidently been set under the steps of a house on Green street yesterday. He quickly put out the fire, which had gained considerable headway. The citizens are panic stricken, this making the eighth or ninth attempt to fire buildings here inside of a week.

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NO PURSE; NO FIGHT.

McKeever and Lavigne Refused to Fight Until Cash Was In Sight.

New York, Dec. 24.—The fight for lightweight honors between Kid Lavigne of Saginaw, Mich., and Charley McKeever of Philadelphia did not take place as promised last night. The management of the Marlborough Athletic club, having had a hard time of it in New York, leased the old Puritan Athletic club in Long Island City, which was recently occupied by the Eureka Athletic club. The ill-luck which the latter club experienced seems to have stuck to the newer venture, which was established under the Horton boxing law. When it became known that Lavigne and McKeever were to try conclusions in Queens county the Law and Order society made strenuous efforts to prevent the fight from taking place, but, notwithstanding all their endeavors, the club was protected by the new law, and the managers were very positive of their ability to bring the contest off. They arranged a preliminary bout between Mike Sears of Boston and Frank Patterson of Brooklyn, which was to be a curtain raiser for the big event, and when these boxers entered the ring the house was only half full of people. Sears and Patterson fought a 10-round draw, and after they had left the ring it became known that neither Lavigne or McKeever would consent to enter the ring except the full amount of the purse, which was said to be $2500, was placed in the hands of a responsible person. McKeever and Lavigne entered the ring, accompanied by Announcer Harvey, who informed those present that for reasons which he could divulge the two men could not meet now. He further stated that all those present would receive checks as they passed out at the doors which would be duly honored by the Greater New York Athletic club, Coney Island, on Jan. 1, on which date the managers of that club had promised to pull off the fight and guarantee the purse. To the surprise of everyone, the crowd went out quietly and there was no disturbance reported. It was rumored that the Law and Order people had filed affidavits with Governor Morton that the managers of the Marlborough club had no intention of pulling of the bout.

Will Go to Cuba.

Whitefield, N. H., Dec. 24.—It was announced here yesterday that J. Ward Healy, a reporter; James A. Mitchell, a telegraph operator; John Legro, a bookkeeper; Dr. H. L. Stevens and O. W. Brown, another newspaper man, will leave here next month for Cuba, where they will join the insurgent army. All are young men.

HAD FIVE WIVES.

John McCaffrey, Chicago Contractor, Was a Wholesale Bigamist.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Mary Dawson McCaffery was pronounced by a jury in Judge Dunn's court Tuesday to have been the legal wife of John McCaffery at his death, in 1894, and therefore entitled to a share in his estate. McCaffery died worth about $1,000,000, and had five wives, and most of them of common-law marriages. He lived with his last wife for over 40 years.

Mary Dawson, it appears, was married to McCaffery in Ireland over 60 years ago. They came to America after two or three children were born. A daughter named Nancy was kidnapped by relatives and has never been found.

One of McCaffery's later wives, it is said, was burned to death in Philadelphia over 40 years ago.

McCaffery became a contractor and prospered. He came to Chicago and grew richer, and incidentally he married again. His eastern wives and families forgot him, and some of his wives, including Mary Dawson, it was claimed, married again. The latter believed McCaffery dead, and, according to the story, married William O. Daniels, who was killed in the Civil War.

When the children of the second and later marriages attempted to prove claims Mary Dawson came forward to prove the validity of her claims as the only legal wife and to upset the claims of other heirs. Her present home is in Virginia.

Surety Company Sued.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Traders National bank of Scranton has begun suit against the Fidelity and Casualty company of New York to recover $30,000, the amount of the bond furnished by the company for A. B. Williams, the cashier recently sentenced to the Western penitentiary for embezzling $33,000.

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Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Cotton Plaids, look just like wool, pretty and warm colors, 29 inches wide, regular price 12 1-2 and 15c.

Remnants 9c. Yd.

Figured Cotton and Wool Goods, 30 inches wide, dark colors, regular price 20c. yard,

Remnants 10c.

Plain Cashmeres, fine quality, yard wide, all colors, regular price 29c. yard,

Remnants 17c. Yd.

All Wool Novelties, new winter styles, 30 inches wide, regular price 29c. and Fringed Black or Colored Goods, changeable effects, yard wide, regular price 25c.

Remnants 19c. Yd.

All Wool Fine Novelty Plaids and Stripes, yard wide, and All Wool Cashmere in light colors, regular price 39c. and 50c.

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All Wool Plaid or Novelty Flannels yard and a half wide, heavy and extra good, regular price 75c. yard.

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THE LOWELL SUN

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The Sun is the only evening penny paper in Lowell printing Telegraphic News.

UPON A PERFECT EQUALITY

NOW STAND THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

And the First Trinitarian Before the Council—Report Submitted.

The ecclesiastical council at the First Congregational church rendered its report yesterday as follows:

"That the pastorate of the Rev. C. F. Keungott terminated Dec. 31, 1895.

"That the meeting of June 19, 1896, held in the vestry of the First Congregational Meeting house, at which it was voted 'that the First Congregational church in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be incorporated under the provisions of law by the name of the First Trinitarian Congregational church of Lowell, was held in disregard of the standing rules of the First Congregational church, but in conformity with the statutes of the state.

"That both bodies, claiming to be the original First Congregational church, are de facto Congregational churches; and the council recommends that until the aforesaid judicial decision is given, both churches be recognized under the names which they respectively claim."

The status of both churches is, therefore, coequal and will so remain until the courts decide.

See locals on page 3.

Mayor Courtney Notified.

Yesterday afternoon City Clerk Dadman presented Mayor Courtney with his official notification and certificate of his election as mayor for 1897.

MICHAEL J. HORAN.

Re-elected President of Division 11, A. O. H.

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WRITTEN FOR THE SUN.

I.
Listen darling, Santa's coming!
Hark the reindeer at the door,
Hear the carol he is humming,
Sweeter, clearer than before.
Look what treasures he is bringing!
Dainty trifles, gems of art;
While the music of his singing
Is as nectar to the heart.

II.
Listen darling, Santa's coming!
Hush! his feet are at the door;
Hear the carol he is humming
Now the busy day is o'er.
Hurry, dearest, run to meet him,
He must never wait outside
When your merry face can greet him,
Rosy cheeked and eager eyed.

III.
Listen, darling, Santa's coming!
He is with us, at the door;
Hear the carol he is humming,
Bid him welcome home once more.
Throw your loving arms around him,
Call him by his own true name,
For a daughter's love has found him
Prince of Santas just the same.

LATEST

BURGLARS BUSY

They Make a Break at Salem.

BLEW OPEN A REAL ESTATE OFFICE

And Made Away With $300 —Fire Results.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Salem, Dec. 24.—A burglary and fire occurred in the real estate office of Sheridan & Duigan, this morning, at an early hour.

The burglars entered the office from a second story window, and having blown the safe, destroying valuable papers, they escaped with $300. Later a fire broke out in the office and damaged it to the extent of $2000. It is not known whether the explosion or the burglars set the fire.

HOT FROM THE WIRE.

Two thousand coal miners in St. Clair and Madison counties, Ills., have struck for higher wages.

American liner St. Louis from New York arrived at Southampton this morning. She reports a heavy voyage.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Presented a Timely Gift by Their Many Friends.

A very enjoyable surprise party occurred last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ambrose at 88 Agawam street. The estimable couple were married on Thanksgiving Eve. and their friends surprised them with a costly parlor stove. The presentation speech was made by Mr. John Slack. Mr. Ambrose responded briefly, thanking his many friends for their kind remembrance.

Dancing was enjoyed to the music of an orchestra and refreshments were served. An impromptu entertainment was given which included songs by John Slack, Charles McQuade, Dave Wallace and Jack Crowley; recitations, Miss Mamie Gorman and I. H. Sternberg; clog dance by Phil Dwyer and John Welch.

Common Sense Should be exercised in taking a remedy for catarrh. It is caused by impurity in the blood. Snuffs and inhalants are of little avail. They have been tried in thousands of cases and have failed to cure, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to cure catarrh because it purifies the blood.

Best For Catarrh.

"I have suffered with catarrh for over thirty years and I have taken several kinds of catarrh medicine. At no time have I been so free from this disease as since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. I believe it to be the best medicine for catarrh that can be found." E. A. JENKS, Box 384, Greene, New York. Remember Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

THE CHRISTMAS CLOSING

INTERESTING PROGRAMS AT TRAINING SCHOOL

And Several Other Schools Throughout the City.

The Christmas exercises of the grammar department of the training school were held yesterday. The program was as follows:

Song, Heavenly Music, Room I.
Reading, Bob Cratchet's Party, Mary Whiteley.
Recitation, My Stocking, Nora Murphy.
Recitation, Little Gretchen, Ella Brennan.
Recitation, How Santa Claus Came, Hortense Gallagher.
Song, We Are Merry Christmas Bells, Room VIII.
Recitation, The Collier's Boy, Elizabeth Rowley.
Recitation, December, Loretta Whiteley.
Recitation, Bessie's Christmas Eve, Chrissie Kane.
Recitation, The First Christmas Tree in New England, Gertrude O'Brien.
Song, Christmas Carol, Rooms II and III.
Reading, Janey's Christmas, Mary Gray.
Recitation, The Children's Telegram, Mamie Curtin.
Recitation, Lord Tearlicy's Guest, Marietta Cardon.
Song, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Room I.
Recitation, Class, Room I.
Recitation, Baby's Stocking, Gertrude Bickford.
Recitation, Christmas Carol, Carrie Tyrrell.
Song, Christmas Bells are Ringing, Room VII.
Recitation, At Christmas Time, Maggie Daley.
Recitation, St. Nicholas, Mary Taylor.
Recitation, Dawn of Christmas, John McCann.
Song, Christmas Waltz Song, Rooms V and VI.
Recitation, Star of Bethlehem, Norah Grady.
Recitation, Dear Little Schoolmates, Susie Greene.
Recitation, Christmas Eve, Annie Molloy.
Recitation, The Night Before Christmas, Kittie King.
Recitation, If I Were Santa Claus, Nellie Donoghue.
Song, Holy Night, School.

Primary Department.

The program of the primary department was as follows:

Song, Welcome, School.
Recitation, Christmas Carol, Helen Jackson and Josie Wilmsky.
Song, Christmas Hymn, Highest Class.
Recitation, Santa Claus, Alice Freeman.
Song, Shine Out, O Blessed Star, School.
Song, Carol, O Carol, Lowest Class.
Recitation, Merry Christmas, Josephine Sonza.
Song, Bethlehem, School.
Recitation, Christmas Poem, Margaret Fox.
Song, Merry Christmas Bells, School.
Song, The Little New Year, School.
Christmas tree and distribution of gifts.

Wood Street.

The teachers and pupils of the Wood street school commenced the Christmas holidays with a most enjoyable party yesterday afternoon.

The party is an annual affair and this year the mothers contributed most generously to their little one's enjoyment by sending in a bountiful supply of good things to eat.

The four rooms were grouped in two which were beautifully decorated with evergreen and Christmas trees. The children rendered the following program in a very pleasing manner under the direction of Misses Carmichael and McEvoy:

Song, My Tea Party.
Christmas Eve, Blanche Clarke.
Merry Christmas, Anna Ensley, Harold Brooks.
Grandma's Pocket, Belle Vaughn.
The First Christmas, Edith Carlson.
Song, Merry Christmas Bells.
Christmas Stockings, Esther Pfal, Andrew Handley, Willie Murphy, May Roark.
A Letter to Santa Claus, Mollie Mulvey.
Duet, Lewis and Edith Gumb
Song, Hang up the Baby's Stocking.
Santa Claus, Eunice McErvin, Geo. Scott, Mabel Price, Eddie Molloy.
Christmas Star, Maggie Jones.
Fat Turkeys, Orrin McKenzie, Willie Haynes, Jos. Lundberg, Frank Meehan.
Christmas Carol.
After Christmas, Frank Carlson.
Happy New Year, Mary McCarron.
America, Whole School.

HERE'S A POLITICAL DRIVE

MAYOR COURTNEY PETITIONED TO APPOINT VARNUM

As Superintendent of Public Buildings—School Principals and School Committeemen Refuse to Sign—Say Mayor Courtney Can Make His Own Appointment—Ex-Superintendent Bray Has No "Understanding" With the Petitioners.

Here is another evidence of the supreme confidence republicans have in the claim that city officials for next year must look to Mayor Courtney for appointment.

Supt. Varnum and his friends desire that he should succeed himself as head of the public buildings department, and they have a petition to that effect addressed to the mayor.

They believe that the strongest endorsement could be given Mr. Varnum's administration by school committeemen and school principals. Accordingly they sought the co-operation of these officials.

The petition was handed to Principal Coburn of the High school, and after several hours' consideration he signed it.

Principals Harris and Burbank, it is said, were both approached and positively refused to attach their signatures to the paper, giving as the reason for their refusal that they had confidence in Mayor Courtney's ability to make a wise selection for the place.

When last seen this morning the man was on his way to the home of Principal Greene of the Moody scool.

The democratic school committeemen refused to even consider the petition, and said that in no way would they interfere with or endeavor to influence Mayor Courtney in his appointments.

Ex-Supt. Bray, who is likely to succeed Supt. Varnum, says that he has no understanding with any one who may be urging people to sign the petition, and says that he knows of a few who were approached and told to "sign it and 'Dick' Bray will understand the matter."

Our store will be closed Friday

THE XMAS TREE

You need not feel any hesitation in hanging such Shoes as we will recommend on any Xmas tree in the city.

For children, for women and for men we have a particularly fine line of Xmas Footwear that would make any tree proud to branch out with such a display.

A useful present is remembered long after Brick-Brack is forgotten.

We are particularly emphatic about our Men's Slippers. No store in the land can show you anything better than Miller & Obor's Slippers for fit, work and style—We have them here, but at less price. And as for Women's Slippers—from the dainty to the comfortable you can find here, and each the best of its class.

Felt Romeos, Fur trimmed, are in great demand. We had a large supply, but it is getting exhausted. So it is with the Misses' and Children's of the same width, brownie heads. If you want variety in Xmas Footwear, visit

O'SULLIVAN BROS. Opposite City Hall.

THE NEW CHARTER

Vests Mayor Courtney With the Appointing Power

SAY NATHAN MATHEWS AND JUDGE CORCORAN.

The Council May Remove Without Cause.

Mayor Courtney will exercise the prerogatives vested in him by the amended charter.

He has intimated his policy to nobody, directly, nor will he, at this time, voice his action with respect to official appointments, but one is warranted in saying that whatever powers are vested in him by legislative action will certainly be exercised in accordance with the legal requirements.

There are embodied in the amended charter points of general interest which appear to have escaped public notice in the prolific discussion of the operation of these amendments.

It will be remembered that during Mayor Courtney's second term he called the attention of the city council to the fact that some city department accounts, upon examination and comparison with others, showed an unproportionate expenditure of money.

Then came the appointment of the financial commission, its investigation, its subsequent report, and the embodiment of this commission's recommendation into amendments to the city charter which were submitted to the legislature for consideration.

Legislative hearings followed, and Chairman Poore and prominent republicans opposed the amendments because they afforded too much power to the mayor.

The financial commission sought to centralize responsibility; these republicans advised distributing it.

And so they prepared amendments to the charter and asked the legislature to approve their work.

Their amended charter is the one which will be operative on and after the first Monday in next January.

It was draughted from the original bill, and important changes made. These republicans did not believe the mayor should be permitted to appoint city officials, and so from the original bill they eliminated the last part of section one, which designated that the mayor should appoint city officials, and left standing the first part which reads:

"All executive powers which are now by law vested in the city council of the city of Lowell, or either branch thereof, shall hereafter be vested in and exercised by the mayor of said city, except as hereinafter otherwise provided."

In the very next section they granted the mayor the power to remove any official for cause, other than on partisan grounds, providing his action is sustained by the common council.

To the council by a two-thirds' vote without any cause whatever, is granted the right to discharge any official. And right here is a strong point in the charter. By its provisions the council is empowered to discharge any official the mayor may place in office, without assigning any cause for their action.

During the past week prominent democrats have sought an interpretation of the amendment from Boston attorneys.

Nathan Matthews, Jr., who is regarded a special authority on city charter laws, and is frequently consulted when charters are draughted, says that unquestionably the mayor has the appointment of officials vested in him.

Judge Corcoran gives as his opinion that it is certainly within the province of the mayor to appoint city officials and that in his opinion the Supreme court will so decide if the matter ever reaches it.

Abolish Mayor's Power.

And republicans too have become satisfied that such power is vested in the mayor. But they are not content.

A bill is already prepared and will be entrusted to Senator Putnam and the Lowell representatives to be presented to the legislature at the opening of the session, requesting that body to repeal section one of the charter amendments, which gives the mayor the appointive power. Republican leaders in the state have assured them that the repealing act will pass.

Should Mayor Courtney on the first Monday in January appoint for instance a new chief of the fire department complications would arise. The case would certainly reach the courts, where several months time would be required to settle it. In the meantime, every week Chief Hosmer would certify to the pay roll and send it to the mayor for his signature. The mayor by signing would recognize Hosmer as chief; refusing to sign about one hundred men of families would be unable to draw pay.

And so on through nearly every department.

However, it is asserted by Mayor Courtney's friends that unless interfered with by legislative action he will carry out the provisions of the charter as adopted by the people.

Pythian Sisterhood.

The Pythian sisterhood elected officers for the next six months at its meeting in Manchester Unity hall last evening as follows:

Chancellor commander, Mrs. George W. Jockow; vice chancellor, Mrs. Charlotte Clarke; prelate, Mrs. L. S. Fournier; mistress of exchequer, Mrs. H. C. Bee; mistress of finance, Mrs. B. S. Clough; keeper of records, seals, Miss Edna E. Hanson; mistress-at-arms, Mrs. E. M. Trombley; assistant mistress at arms, Mrs. M. A. Dodley; mystic one, Miss May Adams; trustee for 18 months, Mrs. D. L. Whipple.

These officers will not be installed until January 27th, as the lodge is to receive a visit from the grand chancellor and the grand preceptress at its next meeting.

Read This.

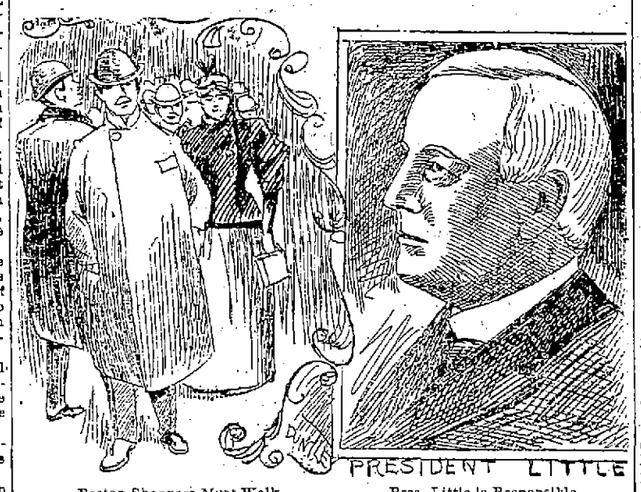
Fred. Britton, 42 Tyler street, Mrs. Ellen Gillen, 147 Market street, Arthur Webster, 46 Hamilton street, are few of those who have used Zyno Mexican Blood tonic and have been greatly benefited by it and pronounce it a remarkable curative remedy. Zyno is free at the office of the company, 32 Central street.

SUN EXTRA

5 O'CLOCK

WEST END RAILROAD TIE-UP

Every Electric Car in Boston Left Idle at Noon.



Boston Shoppers Must Walk. Pres. Little is Responsible.

The Motormen and Conductors Refused to Wait—Struck Simultaneously on All Lines—Trouble Feared as a Result—Shoppers Obliged to Walk.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 24.—All Boston is afoot today as the result of the biggest street railroad tie-up in the history of New England.

Thousands in the suburban districts were obliged to walk in all the bitter cold to their work in this city this morning, some of them going nearly 10 miles.

Although the supreme council of the street railway employes' union had postponed the time of having a general tie-up until Dec. 30, the street railroad this morning is handicapped as it never was before.

Hundreds of the employes dissatisfied with the procrastination of the supreme council and believing that the time to act was the present, decided to take matters in their own hands, regardless of the wishes of the council, and as a result, by this afternoon, there will not be a car running in the city or suburbs.

The trouble began on the Charlestown, Medford, Everett and Malden lines where the employes refused to take out any cars at all this morning, compelling thousands to walk into Boston.

At 10 o'clock this morning the affairs of the road were in a badly mixed condition, and this afternoon will find all employes out of work.

Meetings of the different divisions of motormen and conductors were held between midnight and 5 o'clock this morning and the feeling was unanimously in favor of striking immediately, the fact that travel is heavier now than at any other time of year, is probably being borne in mind by the employes.

There were exciting scenes at the meetings when the executive council, after a conference with the railroad officials, announced that they had decided to postpone action until Dec. 30.

The indignant employes refused to accept such a report and decided to quit work at once whether the council endorsed them or not.

The first action was taken in Charlestown and Everett. At the latter place 200 motormen and conductors quit work before daylight.

In Malden, too, the men on early cars refused to bring them out.

At Newton some of the men refused to start to work at 4.30, while some of the cars on the Newton and Boston line ran during the early trips. There were no cars on the Malden and Medford lines.

At 10 o'clock the city streets had a strange appearance. Every street corner was crowded with wondering people, their arms filled with Christmas parcels and waiting for cars which came not. At that hour no cars were running but those on Washington street and the South Boston line.

Tremont street looked deserted and the suburbanites who knew not the cause of the absence of the cars believed that the subway must have been formally opened. At Scollay Square, Adams Square, Washington and Temple Place, the Granary Burying Ground and other points where thousands daily take the cars, there were employes informing passengers that a tie-up was on.

The employes of the South Boston line held a meeting this morning and decided to tie-up at noon.

As fast as the men came in with their cars they left them at the station and went out.

President Young of the union notified all employes that the strike will be formally on at noon and at that time no cars were expected to be running.

Supt. Sargent of the railroad notified the police at 7 o'clock that there is a strike and all the reserve force of the city were ordered on duty.

At the Charlestown and Roxbury Crossing stables large crowds are gathered and extra police have been placed at these points.

It is not expected that there will be a repetition of the riotous proceedings which characterized the old South Boston street railroad strike before the consolidation, but at all events the railroad will be terribly crippled for some time to come.

The firemen at the power houses have not struck as yet, but will take action tonight.

Situation This P. M.

By Associated Press to the Sun.

Boston, Dec. 24.—At one o'clock this afternoon the tie up of street car lines of this city was complete except to South Boston. The West End officials admitted their condition and stated that police protection had been asked for all car stations, power houses and all cars running on South Boston line. No disturbances are reported as yet. All steam railroads have put on a fifteen minute suburban service.

RIBS FRACTURED.

Michael Farrell Was Knocked Down By a Horse.

Michael Farroll of Bridge street was knocked down by a horse on Middlesex street, near the depot, this afternoon and several ribs were fractured. He was taken to St. John's hospital.

DEATHS.

COONEY—Josephine Cooney, infant child of Dennis J. and Mary J. Cooney, died yesterday morning at the home of her parents, 40 Chapel street.

GAVIN—Fred Gavin, infant child of Fred and Rebecca Gavin, died yesterday at the home of its parents, 96 Concord street.

HAND—Mary Hand, aged 54 years, wife of Patrick Hand, died yesterday at her home, 4 Everett street.

McARDLE—Margaret McArdle died last evening at her home, 193 Gorham street. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

GALLAGHER—The funeral of Rose Etta Gallagher took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her sister, Mrs. Patrick Manning, 153 School street, and was largely attended. Rev. Fr. Leonard officiated at the grave in the Catholic cemetery.

LOCAL NOTES.

No Sun published tomorrow.

If your coal does not suit you, try Mullin, the 1018 Gorham street coal dealer. You can get him by telephone connection.

Through sickness Prof. Watson, the hipnotist, will be unable to give his entertainment this evening. He will give it Friday, Saturday and Monday instead.

A match pool game for $25 a side will be played at Music hall billiard rooms between Jack Leary and Mike Mitchell, and Joe Ballon and John Dainan.

Miss Nellie Gendron, who recited at the Y. M. C. A. concert last evening, made a very favorable impression upon those who were present. She has an excellent voice and shows superb training.

THE BICCEST assortment of medium priced fancy chairs and rockers is found at A. E. O'Heir & Co.'s two stores, 16 Merrimack and 34 Central streets. Auction sale at Central street store, Thursday at 2 p. m.

Lost a Finger.

A young man employed in Smith's machine shop on Broadway got his hand caught in a cutter this morning and one of his fingers cut off.

Your boy can be made comfortable for so little money that cost scarcely counts.

HEAVY BLUE CHINCHILLA REEFERS for boys 3 years to 8 for $1.25, worth just double.

CAPE OVERCOATS and ULSTERS, have been $2.50 and $3.00, down now to $1.50 for the remainder.

Heavy Blue Elsyian Reefers for boys 8 years to 16, $2.00, such as regularly cost three.

PUTNAM & SON. 166 Central Street.

The Place to Call.

Legault, the jeweler, corner of Central and Prescott streets, has the most beautiful line of Christmas presents. His prices are the lowest in the city. His system is one price to all. Call at Mr. Legault's store today and you will be well pleased with the goods and prices.

Three New Soldiers.

Three men were mustered into Co. D, Second Corps Cadets, by the paymaster at the armory Tuesday evening. Two of them were raw recruits and the third was a third enlistment man. Captain Kimball is hustling to get a full company before going to camp next summer.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Protect your family and yourself against future want. Deposit in the Savings Department of the Traders' National Bank on or before January 2d (Saturday), at 9 p. m. Receive interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum commencing January 1st, and compounding twice each year. Savings Department open daily from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays 8 a. m. to 1 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m. Banking Rooms cor. Middlesex street and Postoffice avenue.

The Turkey King IS DEAD

THREE CROWS FOR THE UNION

Battle clears away on Christmas morn. The people will have declared the Unions the champions in the Poultry selling business of Lowell. Our first car of

TURKEYS, GEESE, DUCKS and CHICKENS

arrived today. Call tomorrow and examine the goods AT THE BIG Union Market Middlesex Street, Foot of South. Telephone 127.

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THE SUN IS

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The will of Henry Pierce makes him a great post mortem philanthrophist. He leaves two million dollars to public institutions not particularly in need of such bequests.

The English press is greatly reassured by the fact that but fifty-two million instead of ninty-three millions as at first reported are threatened with death by starvation in India.

The collapse of the National Bank of Chicago is another proof of the substantial character of Tom Reed's staple article confidence, and of the McKinley brand of prosperity.

The New York Journal is making an able fight for dollar gas. It is bound to succeed in the end. The Journal is the leading paper of the country on advocacy of the people's rights.

All boys who intend to make an effort to break through the ice on the river will confer a favor by sending their photos to the Sun office that we may illustrate their obituaries.

The manufacturers are endeavoring to make business good by cutting down wages. White Bros., with all their boasted success in the manufacture of box calf seem to lead the way in this backward policy.

Under the constitution the president has the sole right to receive and recognize all ambassadors of other nations. The action of congress on the matter, therefore, means only an expression of opinion.

If we are to have an inaugural ball it's time the ladies knew it in order that they may have time to get ready. From one to two months will be required for such a brilliant occasion, as we are informed that costumes are to be brought from New York if not from London and Paris.

Our supercilious little contemporary, the Sun, is pleased because the Mail has drawn the fire of the Courier-Citizen combination. We remember that during the late national campaign the Sun threatned to publish several columns of political misstatements alleged to have been made by the Mail. We also remember that the Sun never made good its threat, for the very good reason that such a thing was impossible. But, perhaps the Sun would now like to help its superannuated brother across the way by publishing this long delayed expose.—Mail.

No, we never jump on a man when he's down and much less on an old woman. As to the columns of political and other misstatements from the Mail which we thought of publishing during the campaign, we came to the conclusion that such a step would make it appear that an erratic course is not the fixed policy of the Mail which would be a serious misrepresentation of that paper.

THE CHRISTMASTIDE.

Tomorrow will be Xmas, a festival dear to every christian, the natal day of the Savior of mankind, a day that should fill every heart with gladness, and drive out every feeling of hatred between man and man.

It is a day the contemplation of which should inspire benevolence and charity towards the needy, pity for those who suffer and love even for our enemies. But especially is it a day when gladness reigns and when those who can afford it can increase their own happiness by lessening the pangs of others, by consoling the sorrowful, by encouraging the downcast, by imparting hope to those who sink in despair, by turning every aching heart to the crib at Bethlehem to the infant Savior as the only source of real or lasting joy.

The birth of a heavenly Redeemer should ever be celebrated with joy and fervor and it is a source of gratification that the festival is now piously observed by all denominations claiming allegiance to the teachings of christianity.

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

A congressional statesman unknown to fame, comes into prominence in congress by offering a resolution for an amendment to the constitution, providing that the term of members of the lower branch will be four years and that the president shall not be eligible for a second term. The gentleman is Mr. Treloar of Missouri, and although his intention may be good, yet there is no probability that his resolution will ever be considered. It is very easy to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States, but it is a very difficult thing to get the people of this country prepared to do any tinkering on the constitution.

Such a resolution requires a two-thirds vote of both branches of congress in order to go before the legislatures of the several states, and unless it receives an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the legislatures it stands defeated. Thus it will be seen that it is a very difficult process to bring about an amendment to the constitution. Long agitation and an equanimity of sentiment are required in order to secure such an amendment.

PROMINENT CITIZEN GONE

MANCHESTER, N. H., LOSES ONE OF HER MANUFACTURERS.

Mr. Olzendam Died of Paralysis at His Home Last Night.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 24.—Hon. Abraham P. Olzendam died last night at his home as the result of a paralytic shock received one week ago.

He was born in Barmer, Prussia, Oct. 10, 1821, and came to America in 1848, landing in New York and working later in Massachusetts factories. He came to Manchester in 1853, and worked four years in the Manchester mills, and in 1862 began the manufacture of hosiery. His business has been built up, until the Olzendam hosiery works, of which he was proprietor, have become widely known.

He was a Republican, and served as representative to the state legislature in 1872-3, as senator in 1876, and as presidential elector in 1892. He was a trustee of the People's Savings bank.

He had been twice married and leaves a wife, three sons and two daughters. He was stricken very suddenly last Monday morning when about to rise from bed, and remained unconscious since until the end.

FATAL FIGHT.

In Which John Mullen Was Killed at Light Station.

Lancaster, N. H., Dec. 24.—John Mullen was killed here last evening by being struck over the head with a club by Engineer James Barney at the electric light station. Mullen, who was intoxicated, applied for admittance to the station for shelter, and on being refused he threatened to do harm to Mr. Barney. A struggle followed, and Barney is said to have struck Mullen a very hard blow, which killed him. Mr. Barney has not been arrested. Mullen was about 40 years old and was for many years the head bookkeeper for a local lumber firm.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The American Banking and Trust company of Auburn, Me., has closed its doors.

MacPherson & Co., wholesale hat manufacturers at Toronto, have assigned.

The president has signed the pension appropriation bill and the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

For the first time in several years New Yorkers have every prospect of enjoying a white Christmas.

Three children of Mrs. McKim, who lives near Franklin, Pa., were burned to death at their home while their mother was away visiting an neighbor.

Joseph T. Doyle, the Republican candidate for congress in the First district of Georgia, has filed notice of contest against Congressman Rufus E. Lester.

Allen Greer and the wife and daughter of Bud Owens were drowned in Clark's river at Paducah, Ky. They were crossing the stream in a canoe and it overturned.

Captain A. K. Miller of New Orleans was elected the president of the American Shipping and Industrial league at New York, to succeed Captain Ambrose Snow, deceased.

Laval university of Quebec conferred the doctorate of divinity and canon law on Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Conaty of Worcester, Mass., the new rector of the Catholic university.

During the coming year the Haverhill (Mass.) Paper company will remove its factory from the Bradford side of the Merrimac river to Berlin, N. H., where it has already a pulp mill.

Frank Drudisis, a workman on the tunnel of the Metropolitan waterworks at Clinton, Mass., was killed by a 700-pound stone, which dropped from the roof of the tunnel upon him.

A special from Paducah, Ky., says: The race war at Mayfield is ended. At a meeting of citizens, both white and colored people, an understanding was reached that peace should reign.

Mayor Strong of New York called to the attention of the board of estimate and appointment the necessity of appropriating $25,000 to pay the expenses of the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Grant monument on April 27 next.

Private James D. Allen, convicted of killing his comrade, Daniel M. Call, of the Fifteenth United States infantry at Fort Sheridan, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment at hard labor. The sentence is the most lenient for manslaughter allowed by the federal statutes.

The committee appointed by the Interstate association for the encouragement of trap shooting to select grounds for the coming grand American handicap, which is scheduled to take place on March 23, 24 and 25, has reported favorably on Long Branch and Elizabeth.

Senators Chandler and Gallinger, Representative Baker and Hon. Frank Jones, all of New Hampshire, called upon Acting Secretary McAdoo to urge the navy department to undertake the thorough repair of the dry dock at Portsmouth, N. H. Mr. McAdoo promised to give the subject earnest consideration.

In a duel with pistols fought near Stuttgart between Baron von Wagerheim, secretary of the German legation at Copenhagen, and Lieutenant Count von Gyllenband, the former was wounded in the kidneys and the latter in the abdomen. Both combatants were taken to the hospital.

Fractured His Playmate's Skull.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—Wilfred C. Legalt, 12 years old, living on India street, was arrested yesterday afternoon. On Monday, while at play with little Frank McDonough, 6 years old, the Legault boy struck young McDonough over the head with a stick, fracturing his skull. McDonough is in a precarious condition, and Legault will be held pending the result of his injuries.

Arrested on Another Charge.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 24.—Charles E. Peters of South Warren was acquitted in the supreme court yesterday, after trial on a charge of breaking, entering and larceny. The county attorney had him rearrested at once upon the charge of receiving stolen property, and after a hearing before Justice Ulmer he was found probably guilty and held in $1000 for the March grand jury.

Greek Professor Hangs Himself.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 24.—E. B. McKay, professor of Greek in the Baptist college here, hanged himself in his room yesterday. He is supposed to have been temporarily deranged as a result of overwork and a slight sickness.

When you need printing remember The Sun.

THE ONLY True Blood Purifier prominently in the public eye to-day is Hood's Sarsaparilla. Therefore get Hood's and **ONLY HOOD'S.**

BERRY WALL IN POLITIOS.

The Ex-King of the Dudes Now a Cog In New York's Republican Machine.

Once upon a time there lived a young man with 365 pairs of trousers and goodness knows how many waistcoats. Up and down the avenue he paraded all day long, and the windows rattled from the pattern of his small clothes. Anon, when his frock coat blew aside, the thoughtless made murmurs of applause at the glory of his waistcoat, even as the ungodly fall down and worship before the red idol of Baal.

E. BERRY WALL.

The title of this splendid youth was king of the dudes; in the family Bible it was E. Berry Wall. His family had money, but beyond the legs within those marvelous trousers he had no other visible means of support. Unto this day the name of Berry Wall is a synonym of dress. Behold, it may now take another meaning. E. Berry has gone into politics, and the form that one time exploited all the vagaries of the Piccadilly tailor will now parade modestly in the hustings.

E. Berry Wall in politics! The chappies are amazed.

"What does Berry want?" they ask, and their collars crack with the anxious straining of their intellects.

One solution of the problem of Berry in politics was offered last night. It was that Berry wishes a foreign appointment in order to lay in a new stock of Paris clothes. With a few hundred pairs of the latest thing in France they suggest he could give the Prince of Wales a hard hustle for supremacy.

But, if Berry wishes to go abroad, why does he get in with the Platt push? Why doesn't he stack up with Milholland and Corny Bliss, who will have some sort of influence with the administration? Heaven only knows, say the chappies.—New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

THE LOSS OF MACEO.

Madrid seems to think that Cuba libre cannot fight without a Maceo. Madrid will be sadder and wiser very soon.—Boston Globe.

It will not prove the deathblow to Cuban hopes that the Spaniards expect. The struggle of Cuba has gone too far to be dependent for its existence upon the life or death of any individual.—St. Paul Globe.

The loss of Maceo is a great blow to the insurgents, but it is not irreparable. The patriot armies are not without other brave and experienced leaders. Gomez survives, and the cause may raise up a successor to Maceo at once.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

In the death of Antonio Maceo the insurgent Cubans have lost their most active and brilliant leader, and it may be that in losing him they have also lost their cause. Whether we applaud or condemn his tireless efforts to free his native island from the rule of Spain, all, we think, will agree that this soldier of mixed blood fought with courage and handled his troops with skill. He inspired his raw levies with confidence and secured their warm attachment as well. It is a touching tribute to his memory that young Gomez preferred to die rather than to abandon his dead general.—Philadelphia Record.

May Have to Dodge Office Seekers.

President Elect McKinley has made no plans as yet for leaving Canton this winter before his inauguration. His future movements will depend entirely on future conditions. It is, however, very probable that he will have to go away for a rest, because office seekers are bound to tire him out unless he begins to decline seeing all of them.—New York World.

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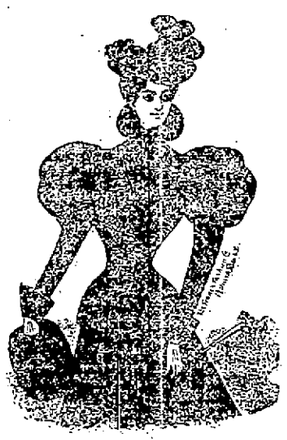

Ladies' and Misses' Fancy Skirts, black, $1.49. Ladies' Woolen Waists 25 different styles, 98c. Ladies' Silk Waists, just the thing for Xmas, $2.25. Ladies' Gowns with Ribbon Trimmings, $1.25. Feather Boas, real heavy, 49c.

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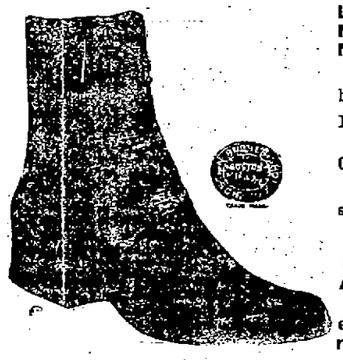

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Of every kind and description in great variety. Also a complete line of Tools and Hardware.

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Everything in the Holiday Line of Presents.

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We're going to need them very soon if what the weather prophets say is true. Seal Skin Gloves, Heavy Weight Underwear, new and handsome designs in Silk Mufflers, and Heavy Caps and Gloves are dividing attention with our superb line of gentlemen's furnishings at this time.

ARTHUR J. CUMMISKEY,

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This Umbrella Has Gone To Smash.

I will take it to Austin's and have it repaired. He will put a new cover on it and do anything else needed in a first class manner at a reasonable price.

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A NEW DIPLOMAT

Received by President Cleveland Yesterday

REPRESENTING THE GREATER CENTRAL AMERICA.

This an Outcome of Venezuelan Trouble.

Washington, Dec. 24.—After several weeks' consideration of the status of Senor Rodriguez, the first minister of the greater republic of Central America, President Cleveland yesterday received him and accepted his credentials in a short speech, which, while formal in tone, was thoroughly earnest in its evidence of good will toward the new American union. The president emphasized the purpose of our government to hold the individual states of the new Union to the responsibility for past claims, and he indicated an expectation that Guatemala and Costa Rica, which have so far refrained from joining with the others in the new republic, would soon give in their adherence.

The minister was accompanied to the state department by his secretary, Senor Corea, and his son, J. D. Rodriguez, Jr., who is an attache of the legation. He was escorted to the White House by Secretary Olney, and being introduced to the president delivered his credentials, saying:

Mr. President—The greater republic of Central America has honored me by appointing me its envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the government of your excellency.

In conferring that honor upon me, the diet, which constitutes the bond of union between three republics which organized that new entity, has given me special instructions to assure your excellency—as it is gratifying to me to do—that the greater republic of Central America entertains the same sentiments of cordial and sincere friendship toward the American government and people as have always been held by the people and governments which formed the same; and that it cherishes sincere desires that neither the energetic progress nor the power of this great nation may ever be interrupted or impaired, and also that your excellency may enjoy personally happiness.

It is highly satisfactory to me to place in your excellency's hands the letters which accredit my representation in the character mentioned.

Our firm conviction that the sentiments which I have expressed find on the part of your excellency and of the American nation the most complete reciprocity has induced us to solicit the efficient intervention of your excellency to the end of bringing to a happy termination one of the questions which most interest the confederation by reason of the influence which it may exert upon the pacific developments of its great elements of wealth and prosperity. I trust, Mr. President, that in this end and in the other matters which I shall have to treat with the government of your excellency, I will win your benevolent recognition, and that the results which I may attain will merit the approval of those who have appointed me in additional confirmation of their friendship and gratitude for the interest which the United States of America have ever shown in favor of the well-being of the Central American republics.

The president replied as follows:

Mr. Minister—I take pleasure in receiving at your hands the letter of the diet of the greater republic of Central America, whereby in representation thereof and of the republics of Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, which form that union, you are accredited as their envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to this government.

In recognizing, in the name of the United States of America, the greater republic of Central America, constituted pursuant to stipulations of the treaty of Amapala of June 20, 1895, between the republics of Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador, and in entering into diplomatic relations therewith, such recognition is given and such relations entered upon in the distinct understanding that the responsibility of each of these republics to the United States of America remains wholly unaffected.

I discern in the articles of association from which the diet derives its powers a step toward a closer union of Central American states in the interest of their common defense and general welfare, and I welcome it as the precursor of other steps to be taken in the same direction, and which it is hoped may eventually result in the consolidation of all the states of Central America as one nation for all the purposes of their foreign relations and intercourse.

To you individually I extend a cordial greeting, both personal and official, and I trust that your renewed residence at the capital of this country, where you formerly held an important representative mission, will be as agreeable in its personal relations as I believe it will be useful and profitable for the countries you represent, between each of which and the United States has always existed and, it is hoped, will always exist, the closest ties of friendship.

Slashed Cleveland's Portrait.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Jeremiah Sullivan, who was arrested on the charge of having slashed the portrait of Grover Cleveland which hung in the rooms of the county Democracy, was discharged yesterday upon a technicality. The point was raised that the ownership of the portrait was not proven, and that the representatives of the club did not prove themselves to be the corporation.

Northern Pacific Shops Burned.

Glendive, Mon., Dec. 24.—Fire yesterday completely destroyed the extensive machine shops and all but one section of the roundhouses belonging to the Northern Pacific railroad. Loss, $55,000. Fourteen engines in the roundhouse were saved. All machinery and four engines undergoing repairs in the shops were destroyed.

Cathode Rays Don't Lie.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A Roentgen ray photograph, showing the picture of a skull and the different bones with an imbedded bullet, proved valuable testimony in the police court here yesterday. Frank Dugan was on trial for shooting Thomas Taylor during a fight. The defense claimed no shot was fired in the fracas. The prosecution immediately submitted a cathodegraph, showing the bullet still in Taylor's head. Judge Kehoe admitted the introduction of the plate.

CARLOAD OF CORN WANTED.

Plan of Methodist Missionary Society to Relieve Suffering In India.

New York, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the board of managers of the Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church a proposition was presented from Rev. R. G. Hobbs of Jacksonville, Ills., suggesting that a shipload of corn could be readily raised in that state for the relief of starving people in India, and asked the board of managers to take measures for carrying out the plan. The board of managers adopted the following minute:

"That the plan proposed by Rev. R. G. Hobbs, one of our Methodist ministers in Jacksonville, Ills., be approved, and that the secretaries be authorized to take the necessary measures to secure the corn and the means by special contributions from the general public for its transportation to India."

All who are disposed to aid in this undertaking may send contributions to Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, at 150 Fifth avenue, New York.

Injured by Mad Steer.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Nelson Morris, the millionaire packer, had a narrow escape from being gored by a fractious Texas steer yesterday, and J. C. Bohart of the Bohart Commission company, who did not fare as fortunately, was badly hurt. They went into a cattle pen at the stock yards to inspect a consignment of cattle, when a steer made a charge for the two men. The gentlemen rushed for the fence, and Mr. Morris just managed to get over. The steer caught Mr. Bohart squarely and threw him high. When he descended he fell into a trough, and to this he owes his life. The steer made frantic efforts to gore him, but his horns were so wide it could not get them down into the trough, where Mr. Bohart lay, unconscious. Mr. Bohart's shoulder was dislocated, he was badly cut on the head and neck and was terribly bruised. His injuries, though serious, are not fatal.

Damages Awarded.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Justice Ritchie yesterday filed his assessment of damages in the case of Hansen vs. Law, which case was tried here and appealed, being sent back for the assessment of damages. He assesses the plaintiff's damages occasioned by the collision at $25,310, made up as follows: Expenses of repairs, etc., $20,564; 113 days' detention at $42 a day, $4646. He allows interest from June 11, 1890, at 5 per cent per annum. This case was an action brought to recover damages for injuries sustained by the ship Rolf in collision with the ship Wiley L. Boyd. The courts decided the defendants were liable, and hence the assessment.

Another Train Held Up.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Blue cut, made historic through the operations there of the James and Younger bands when they were pioneers in the train robbing industry, was the scene last night of its fourth hold-up by road agents. At 9:20 o'clock the St. Louis and Chicago express was flagged and came to a standstill. Masked men immediately covered the engineer and fireman and compelled them to get down from their cab. At the same time another member of the gang uncoupled the express car from the train. The robbers quickly climbed aboard the locomotive and the express car, and before the trainmen had time to collect their wits, the bandits were speeding down the steep grade beyond Blue cut, with the engine and the express coach, and Express Manager A. J. Frier of St. Louis a prisoner in the car. The engine and express car were found some miles from Blue cut, where the robbers had left them after securing the contents of the express box.

Bryan's Reception.

Atlanta, Dec. 24.—Hon. William J. Bryan arrived in Atlanta Tuesday night from Chicago. At an early hour yesterday morning he was called on at the Kimball House by Governor Atkinson and escorted to the executive mansion, where he will remain as the governor's guest during his stay in Atlanta. A large number of prominent citizens called on him during the morning, and shortly after noon he was tendered a breakfast at the Kimball House by the Young Men's Democratic league. Mr. breakfast Mr. Bryan was welcomed by Governor Atkinson and Mayor King. Mr. Bryan responded briefly. Repeated calls were made for ex-Secretary Hoke Smith, who was present in response to a special invitation from the league. Mr. Smith, in asknowledging calls, spoke pleasantly of Mr. Bryan personally, while reiterating the disagreement between them on the financial issue.

Mining Man's Return.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 24.—Alexander Dick, a well-known Nova Scotia mining man, arrived in St. John yesterday on his return from the British Columbia gold fields. He spoke confidently of the great future of the Kootenay country, where he spent the last three months, and said he was strongly impressed with the necessity of the early construction of the Crow's Nest railway. After spending some time in Montreal and New York Mr. Dick will return to British Columbia, where he has acquired considerable interests.

Papers of Historic Value.

Amesbury, Mass., Dec. 24.—Samuel T. Pickard, the literary executor of Poet Whittier, has discovered some colonial histories and other publications of value in the late poet's homestead here. These volumes will be presented to the Amesbury and Haverhill public libraries.

Towed Into Port.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—The four-masted schooner Sara E. Palmer, Captain Whittier, for which considerable anxiety has been felt, was towed into port last night by the revenue cutter Woodbury and two tugs. She was in a battered condition, covered with ice, and her crew almost exhausted.

Mother Injured by Gun.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 24.—Horace Lewis of Wiscassett, 20 years old, while loading a gun at his home, accidentally exploded it, shattering his aged mother's ankle so that the foot had to be amputated. Before medical aid was rendered she may die.

Acquittal at Dedham.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 24.—Several witnesses testified to the good character and veracity of Mrs. Hatlinger yesterday and the case was closed and argued. The jury remained out 40 minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty.

Champion Trap Shot.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Charles H. Grimm of Clear Lake, Ia., is the champion trap shot of America. In the match between Grimm and Dr. Carver yesterday at 100 birds for $200 a side and the championship of America Grimm won by a score of 98 to 96.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR PRESERVES THE Natural Color of the Hair

CUBAN AUTONOMY

Efforts of Administration to That End

WILL BE CONTINUED AT ALL HAZARDS.

Latest News From Seat of War.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Whatever course congress may finally take with respect to the Cameron resolution the insistent efforts of the present administration, at least, will continue to be exerted in behalf of an autonomous government for the Cubans. During the correspondence between this government and Spain the Canadian system has repeatedly been referred to as a model which Spain might do well to follow in granting home rule to her Cuban colonists. The objection, however, has been made, and with some reason, it is admitted, that a system which would work admirably with her majesty's subjects in Canada might utterly fail if applied to the Cubans. That Spain has intimated that, under certain conditions, she would not be averse to granting a reasonable measure of home rule to the Cubans is beyond question. She, however, insists that nothing less than a disastrous defeat in battle will cause the insurgents to heed such propositions, and it is regarded in Madrid as useless to attempt any of the reforms suggested until Weyler strikes a decisive blow.

This government, however, does not fully agree with that view of the case, and undoubtedly it is making some progress in its contention for peace on a basis alike reasonable and honorable to the Cubans, as well as to Spain. One of the principal motives which has actuated this government in the course it has taken in this matter is the protection of the persons and property of citizens of the United States now engaged as tobacco and sugar planters in Cuba. Although the planters generally are said to sympathize with the Cuban cause, information has reached this government that as a rule they entertain serious doubts of the ability of the native Cubans, if wholly successful, to maintain a stable and satisfactory government. What the planters most desire is annexation to the United States, but as the administration, as plainly made evident, regards this as out of the question, the planters next favor an autonomous government under the executive supervision of Spain. Should Spain consent to allow Cuba to legislate as to her own internal affairs, the United States, as stated by Mr. Olney in his report to congress, would consent to become responsible to Spain for the faithful observance of the conditions of the treaty between the two countries. The idea of this government is that this agreement could be made a part of a new treaty between the United States and Spain, the necessity for which is admitted by both governments. The Spanish authorities, it can be stated, share the feeling strongly entertained by the United States, that the present treaty has long outlived its usefulness.

NEWS FROM SEAT OF WAR.

Two Towns Besieged by Insurgents—General Aguirre Wounded.

Havana, Dec. 24.—Since Dec. 12 the insurgent forces under General Garrido have besieged and attacked the town of Vueltas, in Santa Clara province. On Dec. 14 they sent a letter to the military governor, Major Manuel Perez, calling upon him to surrender or they would commence the bombardment of the town at 9 o'clock that night. At 7:30 o'clock in the evening the forts and intrenchments opened fire against the insurgents, who were engaged in burning the country huts and dwellings without permitting families to save their furniture or anything else. Part of the garrison left the town to engage with insurgents, and drove them with the bayonet into the woods. Some of the countrymen assured the troops that numerous bands of insurgents were concentrating in that district.

The insurgents under Garrido also besieged and attacked the town of Baez in Santa Clara, and burned several houses in the outskirts of the town. Notwithstanding the superior numbers of the insurgents the garrison refused to surrender, and after a two days' siege General Solano came to their assistance with his column.

The Spanish government has semi-official advices of the concentration of insurgents in Santa Clara, both from the eastern and western part of the island.

It is reported that many insurgent chiefs, including Maximo Gomez, are willing to accept an arrangement for Cuban autonomy, but that they are unwilling to treat with any Spanish general but Martinez Campos.

Private advices from the interior report that the insurgent general, Jose Maria Aguirre, who held the chief command of the insurgent forces in Havana province, was mortally wounded in a recent engagement with the Spanish forces near Campo Folorido.

Bank Robber Pardoned.

St. Paul, Dec. 24.—Governor Clough yesterday pardoned Phil Sheig, who was sentenced to Stillwater for his share in robbing a Minneapolis bank. Sheig was an employe of the bank, and was said to be in league with the Floyd brothers, being the tool through whom they managed to rob the bank of many thousands of dollars. The Floyd boys were pardoned some time ago. Governor Clough was a stockholder in the bank at the time of the robbery. Sheig started for his home in Minneapolis immediately on receiving his pardon.

Diphtheria at New Haven.

New Haven, Dec. 24.—Grave fears of an epidemic of diphtheria are entertained by the board of health as within the past two days 20 cases have been reported. Energetic measures to check the disease have been taken, and during the two weeks' vacation, which begins tonight, all the schools will be fumigated.

Hammond the Scapegoat.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Vice President Hammond is blamed for the failure of the Illinois National bank by the officials of that institution. It is alleged that Hammond made the Calumet Loan without the knowledge of the directors. Hammond's friends say he is being made the scapegoat in the case, and that the bank officials were cognizant of the transaction which brought about the bank's collapse.

OF INTEREST TO TRAVELLERS.

Arrangements Being Perfected For Issuance of Mileage Tickets.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chairman Donald of the central passenger committee yesterday issued notice to all interested lines that he was ready to receive orders for the issue of the 5000 interchangeable mileage ticket which the roads of his organization for the most part have determined to put in operation at the beginning of the year. The tickets will be good over 42 roads running east and southeast from this city. All the roads over which the tickets are good are not members of the central passenger committee, but all of them have constituted Chairman Donald as their agent for the issue and control of the mileage tickets. The ticket will be of the photograve-signature form, and of the photogravure-signature form, and both the signature and photograph of the applicant must be handed in at the time of making application for the ticket. Strips from the ticket will not be accepted for transportation, nor for checking baggage, and in all cases where the ticket is used it must be presented entire. Before beginning any journey the holder of the ticket must take it to the ticket agent of the road over which he intends to travel and the agent will tear off the proper amount of mileage and issue to the holder a continuous passage ticket to his destination. The mileage book is not transferrable, and if presented by any one other than whose photograph appears on the book it will be taken up and the fare collected. Chairman Donald will be the only one to issue the tickets, and in no case will he issue a ticket until the full price, $100, has been paid for it.

It is likely that the western roads will hold another meeting in the near future to consider the advisability of issuing an inter-changeable mileage ticket, an inter-changeable mileage ticket. There is a strong element among the roads, however, that are willing to wait until the eastern lines have given the ticket a trial, and if they find that its use is satisfactory the western lines may take it up. Some of the roads are in favor of a more aggressive policy, and desire to issue the ticket at once without waiting for the eastern lines, but as they now cannot possibly get the tickets out in time to place them on the market at the time of the eastern lines it is altogether likely that they will await the result of the trial to be given the ticket by the eastern roads.

The western roads say that they will not abandon their large commissions on business from Canadian points to points in eastern Canada and New England, to which objection has been made by the Canadian Pacific. They say that they have put the commissions in to remain as long as the Soo line keeps up its commission, and they will not take them out until they have had satisfactory assurances that the Soo has done so, or is about to do likewise.

Tommy Ryan Wins.

Syracuse, Dec. 24.—Tommy Ryan, ex-welterweight champion of the world, knocked out Billy Payne of Philadelphia in the fourth round of a 20-round contest, which took place last night before the Empire Athletic club of this city.

Tilden's Will Declared Invalid.

New York, Dec. 24.—A decision was handed down in the supreme court yesterday by Justice Beekman in which he declares certain trusts under the will of the late Samuel J. Tilden to be invalid. The suit in which the decision is rendered was brought by the executors under the will, who asked for a construction of certain clauses. A decision was rendered by the court of appeals by which the residuary trust was declared illegal. Mrs. Pelton, the sister of the testator, then handed over the greater portion of her share to the founding of the Tilden library in this city, and a contingent fund of $500,000 was created to carry out clauses 23 and 34 of the will, which dealt with the establishment of free libraries at New Lebanon and Yonkers, $100,000 having being left for these objects. Both these trusts are declared by Justice Beekman to be open to the fatal objection that they violate the statute against perpetuities.

Run Over by Switch Engine.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 24.—David M. Harris of Pownal, an employe of the Grand Trunk railway, was run over by a switch engine at Brown's crossing, where he was employed, shortly before 6 o'clock last night. Both legs were nearly severed. Harris was brought to the Central Maine hospital, here, where he died at 7 o'clock. He leaves a wife and two children at Pownal.

Sharkey and Choynski.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24. — Parson Davies, who is in the city, announces that he has deposited with Al Smith of New York $1000 for a match between Choynski and Sharkey for a purse of $5000, which will be offered by Dan Stuart. The fight, if the terms are agreed to by Sharkey, will be pulled off on the same date and the same place as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons contest.

Manitoban Politician Arrested.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—A decided sensation was caused in political circles yesterday morning by the arrest of R. B. Herriman for alleged frauds in the MacDonald election last June. Herriman, who was deputy for Boyd (Con., M. P.), is charged with tampering with ballot boxes and other crimes. The prisoner was released on bail.

Killed at Crossing.

Trenton, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Henry Barnes and Miss Tyrrell, her sister, were driving in a carriage yesterday afternoon over the Philadelphia and Reading railroad tracks at Woodbourn, when their team was struck by a train. Miss Tyrrell was instantly killed and Mrs. Barnes fatally injured.

Prisoner Scalded to Death.

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—James Riley, aged 38, who was serving a 30-day sentence for wife beating, was yesterday scalded to death by the bursting of a steampipe at the Baltimore jail. Riley had been detailed to look after the heating apparatus, and in the discharge of his task met his death.

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On this occasion the musical programs will be exceedingly grand both at the forenoon and vesper services. Orchestras will assist the choirs and it is safe to say that the sermons will be worthy of the great feast. The musical programs are given below:

St. Patrick's Church.

Solemn high mass at 10.30 a. m.

Prelude, organ and violin (Chanson) ... Allen
Hayden Pastoral Mass.
Veni Creator ... Webb
Adeste Fideles.
Nolite Timere (Offertorium) ... Guglielmi
Glory to God.
Postlude, organ and orchestra.

Vesper service at 7 p. m.

Prelude, organ and orchestra.
Psalms.
Domini ad ... Millard
Dixit Dominus ... Millard
Confitebor ... Bristow
Beatus Vir ... Bristow
De Profundis ... Schmidt
Memento Domine ... Schmidt
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor ... Mozart
Magnificat ... Lambillotte
Alma Redemptoris ... Mozart
O Salutaris ... Faure
Tantum Ergo (Grand) ... Rossini
Laudate Dominum Omnes Gentes ... Newland
Te Deum, choir and congregation.

The choir will be assisted at both services by Hibbard's orchestra.

M. J. Johnson, organist; E. F. Faulkner, director.

St. Peter's Church.

Solemn High Mass at 10.30 o'clock.

Prelude. Organ and orchestra ... Gounod
Asperges ... Novello
Kyrie ... La Hache
Gloria ... La Hache
Veni Creator ... Webber
Credo ... La Hache
Offertory. Adeste Fideles ... Novello
Benedictus ... La Hache
Agnus Dei ... La Hache
Postlude. Organ and Orchestra.

Vespers at 7 p. m.

Domine ... Millard
Dixit ... Millard
Confitebor ... Wiegand
Beatus Vir ... Wiegand
Laudate Pueri ... Wiegand
Laudate Dominum ... Wiegand
Hymn. Jesu Redemptor ... Mozart
Magnificat ... Wiegand
Ave Maria ... Gounod
Violin Obligato by Mr. Shedd.
Ave Verum ... Flotow
Tantum Ergo ... Rossini
Laudate Dominum ... Fisko

Choir of 30 voices under the direction of Mr. T. F. Molloy. Organist, Mrs. J. McKennedy. Soloists: Sopranos, Misses Lizzie and Louise McLaughlin, Lila Cook; altos, Miss Nano Gallagher and Mrs. Al. Cunningham; tenors, Messrs. T. F. Molloy and Geo. Sturtevant; baritone, Mr. Wm. Thornton; bassos, Messrs. Ed. Martin and Geo. Burns.

The choir will be assisted by an orchestra led by Mr. D. P. Shedd of Boston.

Immaculate Conception.

Morning 10.30.

Introit. Puer natus est nobis ... Gregorian
Gradeale. Viderunt Omnes ... Gregorian
Mass. 12th ... Mozart
Offertory. Noel ... Van Reyschoot
Postlude. Date Sonitum Pastores ... Costa

Vespers.

Domine ad ... Emmerick
Dixit Domines ... Emmerick
Confitebor ... Emmerick
Beatus Vir ... Emmerick
De Profundis ... Sir John Stevenson
Memento Domine David ... Sir John Stevenson
Hymn. Jesu Redemptor ... Haggerty
Magnificat ... Beethoven
Alma Redemptoris Mater ... Donizetti
O Salutoris ... Donizetti
Tantum Ergo ... Terziani
Glory to God ... Robinson

There will be a chorus of sixty voices with the American Orchestra, Mrs. Haggerty, organist; P. P. Haggerty, director.

Sacred Heart Church.

Solemn High Mass, 10.30 a. m.

Asperges Me ... Werner
Kyrie ... Lambillotte
Gloria ... Lambillotte
Veni Creator ... Handel
Credo ... Lambillotte
Offertorie, "Adeste Fideles" ... Novello
Sanctus ... Lambillotte
Benedictus ... Lambillotte
Agnes Dei ... Lambillotte

Vespers, 3.30 p. m.

Domine ad ... Est
Psalms ... Gregorian
Hymn, "Jesu Redemptor" ... Mozart
Magnificat ... Mozart
"O Holy Night" ... Dressler
Soprano solo and quartet.
O Salutaris, Soprano solo ... De Doss
Tantum Ergo ... Goeb
Laudate Dominum ... Est

Solos by members of the choir assisted by a chorus of thirty voices. Miss Adelaide A. Sullivan, organist and director.

St. Joseph's Church.

Mass at 10 a. m.

Overture. Orchestra.
Introit. Puer Natus est ... Gregorian
Kyrie. Haydn's 3rd mass in D.
Solo by Miss E. Gagnon.
Gloria.
Solos, Miss B. Gill, A. Cote, Dr. Gagnon, E. Pieron, P. Montmarquette.
Credo ... Haydn's
Solo, Mrs. C. Constantineau.
Offertory. Noel, duet ... A. Adam
Miss E. Gagnon, Eugenie David.
Sanctus ... Haydn's
Miss Boisvert and A. Montmarquette
Agnus ... Haydn's
Miss E. Gagnon and T. Montmarquette.
Sortie. Orchestra.

Vespers at 3 p. m.

Overture, Orchestra.
Psalms ... Gregorian
Hymn, Jesu Redemptor ... Gregorian
Magnificat ... Mozart
Alma, Solo ... Mariani
Mrs. C. Constantineau.
Adeste Fideles ... Novello
O Salutaris, Solo ... Ritter
Miss A. Cote.
Tantum Ergo ... Goeb

Solos by F. Desrosiers, A. Malo, A. Perron and Miss Gagnon.

The singing will be executed by a well trained chorus of 60 voices under the direction of P. David, Jr., with the well known Prof. Ed. Vinclette at the organ and the full Olymphion orchestra.

St. Michael's Church.

High Mass at 10.30.

Asperges ... Mozart
Mass ... J. Concone
Offertory. Oratorio ... Lambillotte

Evening Service, Vespers at 7.

Vespers ... Millard
Hymn. Jesu Redemptoris ... Mozart
Magnificat ... Lambillotte
Alma ... Mozart
Ave Verum ... Millard
With violin obligato by Miss Helen Dempsey.
Tantum Ergo ... Rossini

Soloists: Soprano, Miss Mabel Ware; contraltos, Misses Clara Meehan and Christian Kenney; tenor, Mr. John Warburton; bass, Mr. David McHugh.

Choir of 50 voices: Miss Theresa Corbett, organist, and Mr. John Warburton, director.

THEATRICAL NEWS.

The Savoy.

The presentation last evening of Rosedale, the beautiful play, at this cozy play house was an artistic triumph, and shows more clearly each performance the splendid material of which the clever Savoy company is composed. The play goes as smoothly as if the company had been playing the parts for a season, and the different characters are wonderfully sustained. Mr. Weston, as Elliott Grey, has a character to portray, which he does to perfection, and his scenes are given in a beautiful manner, especially his chief scenes with Rosa Leigh (Miss Knott) and with Miles McKenna (Mr. Wright.) The Gypsey Dell is very realistic, and the uprising of the Lancers at the word of command forms a stirring and beautiful stage picture.

Miss Edsall as Lady Florence May appeared in magnificent costumes and gave a fine impersonation of the role.

The play will be given this evening and Friday and Saturday, with an extra matinee Christmas Day at 2.30. Good houses are assured as the advance sale is good for all the performances and the play can be set down as the Savoy's best. In fact many requests are being received to play it another week, and the management may decide to do it.

Music Hall.

The Conroy and Fox company of comedians will be seen here at Music hall, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday., Dec. 28, 29, 30, with Wednesday matinee in their ludicrous success, "O'Flarity's Vacation," the comedy in which they scored such a big success last season. The play was written for laughing purposes only, and in the hands of such excellent Irish comedians as we know Conroy and Fox to be, it is easy to anticipate that another good laugh is in wating for us. The piece is not only possessed of a funny story and side-splitting situations, but is enlivened with many novel specialty features, all of which are new this season. The stars are old favorites here and are sure of a hearty reception.

The Pulse of New York.

What will probably prove to be the melodramatic event of the season will be the big spectacular production of "The Pulse of New York" at Music hall for three nights, commencing this evening. The stupendous pile-driver effect is still retained, but it is more thrilling than ever. New scenes have recently been added, including the funny satire on New York's newest, "The Raines' Law," also a magnificent reproduction of the famous Hoffman House Cafe and the Herald square, by electric light. The company, a large and strictly first class ensemble of artists, is headed by Stella Mayhew and Chris Bruno, late of Yale's "Devil Auction" company.

FIFTH STREET CHURCH.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Fifth Street Baptist church, was held last evening, Rev. H. W. O. Millington, presiding. The reports showed the church to be entirely free from debt.

Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

Clerk, H. C. Wilder; treasurer, Luther C. Stiles; standing committee, Rev. H. W. O. Millington; James B. Gilman, William J. Collins, Roscoe B. Thomas, John B. Brown, Henry E. White, Charles E. Thissell, Gancello Leighton, Seth B. Hall, Luther C. Stiles and H. C. Wilder, ex-officio.

Sunday school superintendent, Roscoe B. Thomas; assistant superintendent, William J. Collins.

Secretary Sunday school, Miss Bertha Hutton.

Superintendent of the Hildreth Mission, Mr. James B. Gilman; secretary of mission, Miss Alice Gilman.

Church auditors, Mr. Alexander Leggett, Miss Belle Miller.

Hot Town Meeting.

Brookline, Mass., Dec. 24.—The town meeting here last night by a two-thirds vote adopted a petition to the legislature requesting that body to impeach Chairman Morrell of the Norfolk county commissioners. The debate on the report of a committee which investigated the county commissioners and recommended the impeachment was one of the hottest ever heard in this town, the commissioner being defended by Hon. Alfred E. Chandler, while Morefield Storey, the counsel for the investigating committee of the last legislature, denounced Chairman Morrell.

Sale of Newport Monte Carlo.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 24.—F. A. Abel, who owns a controlling interest in the Brooklyn Baseball club, has sold his Newport Monte Carlo to Richard A. Canfield of New York. The price is understood to be about $100,000. Mr. Abel intends to devote his entire attention to the ball team.

Factory Girl Injured.

Exeter, N. H., Dec. 24.—Marie Vallier, aged 16 years, an employe of the Exeter Manufacturing company, was probably fatally injured while at work yesterday afternoon. An overhead pulley burst and a fragment of it struck Miss Vallier, fracturing her skull.

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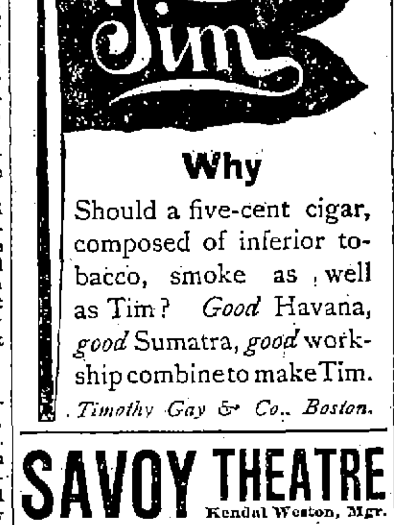

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FOR SALE.—First-class saloon, doing a good business. Best of reasons given for selling. It will pay parties wanting a good place to investigate. Address Lock Box 1073, Meriden, Conn.

LOST—Saturday, a. m., Dec. 12, a sum of money inclosed in a leather case, name owner on inside of cover. Please return to Middlesex Steam laundry, 140 Middlesex street, and be rewarded.

WANTED—Good man to take agency for Dirigo cream in Lowell and vicinity. Address, Dirigo Creamery Co., Beverly, Mass.

LADIES TO WRITE for us at home. No canvassing. Reply, enclosing stamp, Silver Fern Co., Aurora, Indiana.

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FOR SALE—Near Chelmsford street. Good cottage house, near mills. Price, $1000. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

WANTED—A position as stenographer and typewriter; experienced; mercantile or legal work; can give good recommendation; also good references. Address B, Sun office, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—In Centralville, 7 room cottage house, in good repair, 8 minutes walk to mills. This is a bargain. Price, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 44 Central street.

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THE WEATHER.

Sun rises—7:12; sets, 4:17.
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Full sea—2 a. m.; 2:15 p. m.
Forecast for New England: Generally fair and colder; northerly winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Always wins, Old Hundred.

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Camp Farragut, Sons of Veterans, held a delightful entertainment in Pilgrim hall last evening.

Fifty Armenians enjoyed the presentation of an Armenian drama at the First Universalist church last evening.

Orders for coal promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed by Roark & Sullivan, 984 Gorham street. Telephone 556-3.

The pupils of Miss Adelaide Noyes gave a concert and entertainment in Post 120 hall last evening, delighting a large audience.

Mr. Samuel J. Kitson, the sculptor, was in the city yesterday and placed in Judge Lilley's house a fine bust of the late Hon. Arthur P. Bonney.

At the residence of Rev. J. M. Paradis, in First street last evening, Miss Marguerite Pertiouat read a paper on "How to Learn Modern Languages."

The Lowell Electric Light company, through its president, W. A. Ingham, presented each of its employes, yesterday, with a fresh plump Vermont turkey.

There are many grades of coal and you want the best. W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike street, will give you the benefit of his experience if you order your winter supply of him.

The republican members elect of the common council held a conference last evening and talked over the council presidency. Several stated that they would not be bound by any vote taken.

A two story farm house owned and occupied by Thos. Fuller, in Hudson, on the Lowell road, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Loss covered by insurance. It has been built more than a century.

John Pevey is giving his friends a novel Christmas present. It is a neat cigar case in the form of a pair of kid gloves. Mr. Pevey has the finest line of imported cigars, so that a customer can get the case filled if he desires.

The American Express company has awarded the contract to feed the help in their employ in Boston during the holidays covering three days to the D. L. Page company and the meals to be furnished are dinner and supper. The number being fed is 300.

Broke His Leg.

Patrick Burns fell yesterday on William street and broke a leg. He was taken to St. John's hospital in the ambulance.

Catholic Prayer Books.

A large assortment of the latest bindings, pearl rosaries, and other religious articles suitable for a christmas present at Murphy's 18 Appleton street.

House Burned.

A house upon the Lamson farm at Windham, N. H., owned by Bert Smithson of this city, was burned yesterday, nothing but the furniture being saved.

Burn Wilson's Coal.

Robe Thief Arrested.

Frank P. Clark stole a wolf skin robe from a carriage belonging to J. A. Poise, on Paige street, and pawned it in Daggett's store. A few minutes later Officer Bart Ryan gathered him in.

At the Highland Club.

The juvenile operetta, "The Little Kittens" was presented at the Highland club last evening by some young people of the Highlands. Several specialties were given incident to the performance.

Street Car Mishaps.

One of the Nesmith street cars went off the track in Pawtucketville this morning, delaying travel for a short time.

A wagon and electric car collided on Dutton street this morning. The damage was not great.

TWO ENGRAVINGS.

Presented the Bartlett School by the Pupils Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon the pupils of the Bartlett school through the teachers, presented the school with two beautiful engravings, one of Daniel Webster, the other of James Russell Lowell.

THE COUNCIL

Will Meet in Special Session Monday Evening.

There will be a special meeting of the common council next Monday evening and the salary resolution will again be submitted to the lower branch with the aldermanic endorsement.

It is possible that Mayor Courtney will call a special meeting of the aldermen for the same time.

GEORGIA MILL.

Extension of the Massachusetts Has 1200 Hands.

Mr. A. W. Hunking, manager of the Massachusetts mills in Georgia, at Lindale, is on a brief visit to his home in Lowell. The mill is now running to its full capacity. The company has built up a town of 1200 people where a short time ago there was only a farm house. A meeting house and school house have been erected, and prosperity reigns in the pleasant southern village.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Firemen bowled a great game last night against the Olympics. Every man but Welch passed the 500 mark and had his score averaged with the others the team total would have reached 2709. Here are the totals:

Firemen—Merrill 509, Brainard 573, McCormick 532, Welch 456, Dearth 510; total 2640.

Olympics—Mellen 410, Fee 413, Simmons 454, L. Panton 425, Campbell 455; total 2157.

The Vespers defeated The Club last night 2578 to 2116.

In the Banker's tournament, Team One defeated Team Five 1841 to 1807.

Dolls and Toys.

We have got an elegant assortment of these necessary holiday goods at very low prices. Dickson Bros., the big ten dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

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ALDERMEN MEET

And Non-Concur With the Common Council

IN THE GENERAL INCREASE OF SALARIES.

Purchasing Agent to Receive $2400 Per Annum.

The board of aldermen yesterday afternoon undid what the common council had done on the previous evening. It concurred in fixing the salary of purchasing agent at $2400 and non-concurred in everything else.

Only once was the silence of the room disturbed.

The aldermen passed several resolutions for new sewers in concurrence.

The report of the registrars of voters on the recount was ordered on file.

When Mayor Courtney read the resolution to increase the pay of the city laborers 25c. a day, the five aldermen looked grave. The resolution had passed the council Tuesday night; aldermanic sanction followed by the mayor's approval would bring joy to the hearts of all city employes and several hundred prospective ones.

It was read the first time, then given a second reading, with but one dissenting vote.

"The question comes on final passage," said the mayor.

Not one favored it. When the negatives were called for, there was a sharp "no" and the resolution was defeated.

The aldermen were now prepared to strike straight from the shoulder, and they did.

The mayor read the report of the committee on salaries as amended by the council.

The councilmanic endorsement was a very lengthy one, but the aldermen followed the reading very closely and as they went along, checked off the amended sections on printed reports that had been supplied them.

A wait of a few moments ensued, and several of the aldermen got their heads together.

"Mr. Mayor," said Alderman Tryder, "it is pretty certain that some of the councilmen were not responsible for their actions last night. There must have been something the matter somewhere. For that reason I favor adhering to our former action, excepting in the case of the purchasing, and he should receive $2400 a year."

It was a brief speech, but to the point. That was all that was said.

One section after another of the amended salary report was voted down. The aldermen unanimously refused to increase the pay of the city treasurer, policemen, superintendent of streets, superintendent of buildings, superintendent of water works, superintendent of city scales, fish warden, pound keeper and firemen.

The action of the council respecting the other sections was discussed in. It required only ten minutes for the aldermen to take issue with the men in the lower branch.

Then they adjourned.

The absentees were Aldermen Dow, Flemings and Pevey.

SUPPLIES BOUGHT AHEAD

IN THE STREET AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

The Mayor Finds Great Foresight Exercised In These Departments.

Several weeks ago Mayor Courtney notified by special communication the heads of the various departments, that in ordering supplies, they should not exceed the quantity or amount actually needed to carry them through the year.

Reports had reached him, that some officials intended to place orders for material that would be more than sufficient to carry them through this year and would supply the respective departments for several months next year.

He was warned that in the street department his order would be violated.

Supt. Cheney was called to account, and officially advised by the mayor to see to it that his order shall not exceed what is actually required in his department the remainder of the year.

But the advice must have fallen on deaf ears, or else some one openly defies the chief executive and challenges him to exercise stringent measures. At the auditor's office the bills for hay and grain received this month, are unusually large.

It is reported that the grain bins and hay lofts in the various fire houses are well filled, and the supply of hay and grain at the city stables is by no means meagre. The purchase of other supplies, too, has not been small.

The evident intent is to lay in a store of goods before the purchasing agent assumes office.

RACING ON THE RIVER.

Half Mile Straightaway Track Made at Middlesex Village.

If the weather is propitious there will be good sleighing on the Merrimack river next Sunday. Doc. Evans is giving all his time to the matter of a track just at present and yesterday he found eight inches of ice at Middlesex Village. Doc. intends to have as fine a half mile straightaway track as has ever been seen in these parts and unless it storms in the meantime he will have it by next Sunday. Some day next week if the weather continues good there will be a match race between Hugh Green's "Lambert McGregor" and Will Green's "Hello Girl" for $25 a side.

Enjoyable Whist Party.

The second of a series of delightful whist parties was held last evening at Mechanics' hall. Miss Julia Rafter won the first lady's prize and Miss Helen Dempsey the second. Dr. W. J. Kelly captured the first gentleman's prize, and Mr. Charles Lynch the second. There were no consolation prizes.

After the whist, dancing under leap year rules was enjoyed until midnight. Hibbard's orchestra furnished music. The next of the series will be held on January 13th.

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OF BRAM'S STORY

He Will Take the Witness Stand Himself

IN SELF DEFENCE AGAINST EVIDENCE.

The Opening of the Defense Yesterday.

Defendant Takes Witness Stand and Tells a Straight Tale.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The defense in the trial of Mate Bram, charged with the killing of Captain C. I. Nash on the barkentine Herbert Fuller, began yesterday. The junior counsel for the accused, Asa P. French, made a lengthy, but eloquent, opening, and then called Bram himself to the witness stand to testify in his own behalf. The direct examination was lengthy, and at the time of adjournment was still unfinished. Bram told a straight story of the affair and made but few contradictory statements. He claimed that Monks, the passenger, advanced the theory that the second mate killed the captain and his wife and then killed himself. The nature of the testimony of Bram was to place the responsibility of the murder on either Brown or the second mate.

Bram told of the placing of Brown in irons and of his own experience in a similar predicament. When being ironed he told the steward he was innocent, and knew nothing of the case.

The Fuller was brought into port and Bram placed in jail. Before the direct examination was completed the adjournment hour arrived. It is expected that the entire day will be consumed in the cross-examination.

Connecticut Filibuster.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 24.—It is reported that Peter Sanford, a dry goods clerk of this city, went to Cuba about a year ago to help the insurgents. He returned to this country two months ago, and four weeks later, with several companions, he loaded the sloop Advance near Norfolk and successfully landed dynamite and rifles on the Cuban coast. A letter just received says he is now near Beaufort, N. C., on board the Advance, en route with three companions with another load of ammunition for the Cubans.

Boston Spiritualists Emigrate.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Concannon, the mediums, whose experiences at the Spiritualistic temple in this city during the past few Sundays has been of such a sensational character, have decided to leave Boston today for Lake Helen, Fla.

"If Eric is in robust health, and has slept well, and is at the top of his condition at his departure from Greenland, his ships will reach Newfoundland. But take out Eric and put in a stronger man—Biorn or Thorfin and the ships with just as much ease will reach Labrador and New England."

Emerson was right. The stronger a man is the fuller his chest is, the bounder his heart and brain and lungs are, the further he will sail on the ocean, the higher he will sail in his balloon, and the deeper he will dive into the intricacies of his business or profession. A man's glory is his strength. The world has small use for weaklings, and, it must be said, sickly people have little use for the world. But, sickness is generally an unnecessary evil. It is almost a crime against nature to be ill. If you are ill and feel repentant, anxious to undo the mischief, take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Don't be despondent because your grandfather died of consumption or bronchitis, or some other equally frightful throat or lung trouble. There is no need of hereditary consumption. Purify your blood with "Golden Medical Discovery," then take more of it to thoroughly strengthen and build up your whole body through the purity and strength of your blood.

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SENATE AND HOUSE WILL PASS UPON IT.

Congress May Have to Make Changes.

Washington, Dec. 24.—There is no longer any doubt that the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain is practically completed to the satisfaction of both governments, and that its presentation to congress may be expected in the near future. Several minor amendments have been suggested and accepted from time to time during the progress of the negotiations, but it is now confidently believed that the clear copy which was forwarded to Lord Salisbury by Sir Julian Pauncefote about a week ago will at once receive the formal approval of the British premier and be returned to Washington in time to be presented to the senate for ratification immediately on the reassembling of congress after the holiday recess, Jan. 5.

As already outlined, the life of the treaty purposely is made very short, only five years, but this is with the expectation of a renewal for a longer period if it shall prove to work well, and also to afford easy opportunity for amendment. Its purpose is to dispose peacefully and honorably of such questions as arise between the United States and Great Britain, and will admit of adjustment by the ordinary methods of diplomacy, excluding questions involving the national honor.

The personnel of the arbitration commission is to be of the highest character; men selected from the judiciary of each country in equal numbers, three from each side, and provision is made against a failure through a tie vote by the bringing in of an umpire. Neither the Venezuelan question nor the Behring sea issue are to go before this commission, but its first work probably would be to close up the Alaskan boundary controversy and some other open issues of minor interest but real importance.

Unlike the Venezuelan boundary arrangement, this treaty must go to our senate for ratification, and the house of representatives also will have an opportunity indirectly to pass upon it, for legislation will be necessary to provide the means to maintain the commission. The fate of the project in congress can only be conjectured at present. Some fear is expressed that the issue made by Secretary Olney over the Cuban question may somewhat jeopardize this crowning piece of diplomacy by increasing criticism and the display of ill-feeling on the part of some senators, who feel that their prerogatives have been invaded.

It is known also that other senators favorable to the general project of arbitration have their own peculiar ideas about means which they may attempt to carry out by amendments to the treaty. If these are of small importance they may be accepted by the executive and by the British government, but the whole great project of a general arbitration treaty is one which diplomats feel must be entered upon with the greatest caution and the agreement so far effected with such difficulty that any considerable departure from the scheme proposed by amendments probably would lead to failure of the treaty and thus give a formidable set-back to the whole movement.

No Penalty For Not Voting.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The state supreme court yesterday decided that the section of the charter of Kansas City providing that each qualified voter who fails to vote at a general election should be taxed $2.50 is invalid. It was a test case, in which the city brought suit against a voter who had failed to vote to recover the tax. The court, in its decision, says: "Who can estimate the money value to the public of a vote? It is degrading to the franchise to associate it with such an idea. The ballot of the humblest in the land may mould the destiny of nation for ages."

Governor Bradley Will Offer Rewards.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 24. — Governor Bradley, in an interview last night on the recent frequent mob murders in Kentucky, denounced the law breakers, the inefficiency of local officials and strongly intimated that if requested, according to Kentucky's peculiar law on the subject, he will offer big rewards without number for members of the mobs. He also rebukes the legislature for its failure to enact into law his late recommendations as to mobs.

Counterfeiter Basford Sentenced.

New York, Dec. 24.—Henry T. Basford, 78 years of age, who was convicted in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court recently of making and selling counterfeit coins, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Brown to two years' imprisonment in Kings county penitentiary. Basford once served a term of imprisonment in New Jersey for altering a marriage certificate in the Lewis will contest. The convicted man is reputed to be wealthy.

Harrison Jewelry Returned.

Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—General Harrison has recovered all of the goods recently stolen from his house by a porch climber. They came to him through the medium of an acquaintance in Chicago. A reward was offered, but was declined. Mrs. Harrison's watch and chain, an heirloom; a diamond pin and several smaller articles, amounting in value to several hundred dollars, came back in good order.

Illinois Senatorial Contest.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Post says that Governor-elect John M. Tanner has at last declared himself on the United States senatorial question, and has come out squarely in support of Alderman Martin B. Madden of Chicago. The governor-elect is said to have declared his friendship for Madden and a determination to work with the Cook county managers for his election.

Work of Portland's Firebug.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—A man employed at Soul's livery stable discovered a lively blaze that had evidently been set under the steps of a house on Green street yesterday. He quickly put out the fire, which had gained considerable headway. The citizens are panic stricken, this making the eighth or ninth attempt to fire buildings here inside of a week.

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McKeever and Lavigne Refused to Fight Until Cash Was In Sight.

New York, Dec. 24.—The fight for lightweight honors between Kid Lavigne of Saginaw, Mich., and Charley McKeever of Philadelphia did not take place as promised last night. The management of the Marlborough Athletic club, having had a hard time of it in New York, leased the old Puritan Athletic club in Long Island City, which was recently occupied by the Eureka Athletic club. The ill-luck which the latter club experienced seems to have stuck to the newer venture, which was established under the Horton boxing law. When it became known that Lavigne and McKeever were to try conclusions in Queens county the Law and Order society made strenuous efforts to prevent the fight from taking place, but, notwithstanding all their endeavors, the club was protected by the new law, and the managers were very positive of their ability to bring the contest off. They arranged a preliminary bout between Mike Sears of Boston and Frank Patterson of Brooklyn, which was to be a curtain raiser for the big event, and when these boxers entered the ring the house was only half full of people. Sears and Patterson fought a 10-round draw, and after they had left the ring it became known that neither Lavigne or McKeever would consent to enter the ring except the full amount of the purse, which was said to be $2500, was placed in the hands of a responsible person. McKeever and Lavigne entered the ring, accompanied by Announcer Harvey, who informed those present that for reasons which he could divulge the two men could not meet now. He further stated that all those present would receive checks as they passed out at the doors which would be duly honored by the Greater New York Athletic club, Coney Island, on Jan. 1, on which date the managers of that club had promised to pull off the fight and guarantee the purse. To the surprise of everyone, the crowd went out quietly and there was no disturbance reported. It was rumored that the Law and Order people had filed affidavits with Governor Morton that the managers of the Marlborough club had no intention of pulling of the bout.

Will Go to Cuba.

Whitefield, N. H., Dec. 24.—It was announced here yesterday that J. Ward Healy, a reporter; James A. Mitchell, a telegraph operator; John Legro, a bookkeeper; Dr. H. L. Stevens and O. W. Brown, another newspaper man, will leave here next month for Cuba, where they will join the insurgent army. All are young men.

HAD FIVE WIVES.

John McCaffery, Chicago Contractor, Was a Wholesale Bigamist.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Mary Dawson McCaffery was pronounced by a jury in Judge Dunn's court Tuesday to have been the legal wife of John McCaffery at his death, in 1894, and therefore entitled to a share in his estate. McCaffery died worth about $1,000,000, and had five wives, and most of them of common-law marriages. He lived with his last wife for over 40 years.

Mary Dawson, it appears, was married to McCaffery in Ireland over 50 years ago. They came to America after two or three children were born. A daughter named Nancy was kidnapped by relatives and has never been found.

One of McCaffery's later wives, it is said, was burned to death in Philadelphia over 40 years ago.

McCaffery became a contractor and prospered. He came to Chicago and grew richer, and incidentally he married again. His eastern wives and families forgot him, and some of his wives, including Mary Dawson, it was claimed, married again. The latter believed McCaffery dead, and, according to the story, married William O. Daniels, who was killed in the Civil War.

When the children of the second and later marriages attempted to prove claims Mary Dawson came forward to prove the validity of her claims as the only legal wife and to upset the claims of other heirs. Her present home is in Virginia.

Surety Company Sued.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Traders National bank of Scranton has begun suit against the Fidelity and Casualty company of New York to recover $30,000, the amount of the bond furnished by the company for A. B. Williams, the cashier recently sentenced to the Western penitentiary for embezzling $33,000.

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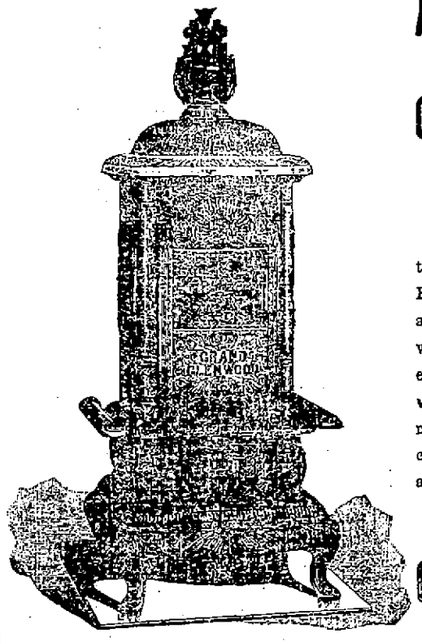

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